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RESOLUTION.

The increase in litigation which occurred in 1890 proved to be but temporary and incidental; and, as the Judicial Commissioner has pointed out, there has been a continuous diminution—only slightly checked last year—in the number of civil suits annually instituted in the Courts of the Central Provinces since 1886. This decrease is mainly the outcome of the action of money-lenders in respect of the recovery of petty debts. As was remarked in last year's Resolution on the Civil Administration Report, litigation in these Provinces is, from a money point of view, mostly trivial, 85 per cent. of the suits instituted being for values not exceeding Rs 100; and it is in claims brought upon written contracts (mostly *Bonds*) that the decrease of the last five years has chiefly manifested itself. The Judicial Commissioner adduces grounds for believing that the decline is due to the experience acquired by the money-lenders as to the futility of putting insolvent debtors "into Court," especially since the passing of the Debtors Act in 1888. As a collateral result, it is probably more difficult now for needy persons to borrow money than it used to be—a consideration which cannot give rise to regrets. But to the general decrease in litigation one district—Saugor—furnishes a marked exception. In that district there has been not only a steady increase in litigation during the last 12 years, but also a steady decrease in infructuous decrees. The district is thus doubly differentiated from the rest of the Province, and its exceptional experience calls for special investigation. The settlement of the district has now been begun, and the Settlement Officer will be called on to pay special attention to the circumstances now indicated and to explain them, as far as possible, for the Chief Commissioner's information. The inhabitants of the Saugor District are an independent and hard-working peasantry, and the steady growth of litigation among them deserves serious attention.

2. While the number of suits instituted declined from 102,908 (in 1890) to 95,249 (or by 7,659), the number of first appeals instituted (6,804) was very little short of the total for 1890, and the number "for disposal" increased by 4·2 per cent. Whether or not this outcome is due, as the Judicial Commissioner suggests, to the influence of legal practitioners (the number of whom is on the increase, but does not exceed 156, all told), the fact has an important

bearing upon the conduct of public business, and furnishes an additional justification for the measures taken by the Chief Commissioner to relieve Deputy Commissioners of the burden of Civil appellate work. This year, Table N (in the body of the Report) shows appeals disposed of by Deputy Commissioners separately from appeals disposed of by Civil Judges; and it is plain that in nearly a dozen districts the quantity of appellate work thrown upon District Officers was excessive. Shortly before the close of the year, relief was afforded to the Deputy Commissioners of Nimar, Raipur, Wardha, Saugor and Jubbulpore, and shortly after its close to the Deputy Commissioners of Bilaspur and Narsinghpur, by the appointment of trained Civil Judges obtained from the North-Western Provinces and the Punjab. At the same time the number of Civil Judges locally trained was increased, by the posting of 1st Class Extra-Assistant Commissioners to the Bhandara and Chanda Districts for employment on Civil work. The year further witnessed the appointment of two Judicial Assistants and Additional Sessions Judges, who have now relieved Commissioners of all Civil Judicial work and of most of their Sessions cases. The full account of this measure and of the action taken to relieve Commissioners of Civil appellate business belongs properly to the current year, as the change did not take effect till January 1st.

3. In paragraph 20 of the Report the Officiating Judicial Commissioner calls attention to the large decrease in the proportion of appeals confirmed without notice to respondents. The decrease occurred chiefly in the Courts of Civil Judges, and it suggests to the Officiating Judicial Commissioner the likelihood that Civil Judges frequently issue notices to respondents as a matter of course, and without first satisfying themselves that the grounds of appeal are *primâ facie* reasonable. Here the Officiating Judicial Commissioner puts his finger on a very serious abuse, which not only causes hardship to the people but wastes the time of the Appellate Courts. And the abuse is not limited to the Courts of the Civil Judges only. A cursory examination of Table N in the body of the Report will show that it prevails very largely in half the Commissioners' and Deputy Commissioners' Courts throughout the Province. In the Courts of the Commissioners of the Nagpur and Nerbudda Divisions last year not a single case was confirmed without notice to respondent; while the existence of the divergences indicated by the figures given in the margin proves, first, that some Deputy Commissioners are as obnoxious to the Judicial Commissioner's criticism as are Civil Judges; and, secondly, that great hardship is inflicted on some respondents by the issue of notice without previous careful examination of the grounds of appeal. The Chief Com-

District.	Percentage of appeals confirmed without notice to respondents.	Percentage of appeals confirmed after notice to respondents.
Nagpur ...	44·9	12·3
Bhandara .	9·1	47·7
Balaghat .	38·6	32·2
Jubbulpore ...	0·5	55·9
Mandla .	49·4	22·8
Saugor ...	3·7	38·4
Chhindwara ...	35·9	18·8
Hoshangabad ...	6·8	66·4
Nimar .	38·8	12·0
Betul ...	7·6	65·1
Raipur ...	43·8	28·1
Narsinghpur ...	6·5	47·4
Sambalpur ...	...	62·0
Bilaspur ...	..	65·6
Chanda ...	14·8	33·3
Seoni ...	4·2	53·7
Wardha .	15·5	38·7
Damoh ...	13·1	48·2

missioner would therefore be glad if the Judicial Commissioner would take this matter into his special consideration, and adopt such measures as may ensure the due consideration of each appeal by the Appellate Court before notice is issued to the respondent.

4. The percentages of appeals confirmed, modified and reversed, dismissed for default and remanded for re-trial were, for all the Courts, 57·4, 11·5 and 18·8, 6·3 and 6· respectively, and these percentages do not show any material difference from the similar figures for the previous year. The quality of the work of the subordinate Courts would therefore seem to have been about the same in both years.

5. The number of Courts open at the close of 1891 was 199, as against 200 open at the close of the previous year. The bulk of the original work (as regards number of disposals) fell, as usual, upon Naib-Tahsildars and Munsiffs—(and this is in accordance with the Chief Commissioner's views of freeing Tahsildars as much as possible from Judicial work, and making them available for executive duties); but Naib-Tahsildars and Munsiffs had relatively much less work to do than in 1890, on account of the decrease in petty suits. Owing chiefly to the closing of the Civil Courts while the Census operations were being concluded, and to the employment of Judicial officers on Census work from time to time during two or three months previously, the number of suits pending at the end of the year was larger than in 1890, the figure being 10,391, as compared with 9,295.

6. The same causes no doubt to some extent account for the increase in the Provincial average of duration from 59·6 to 66·5 in contested, and from 36·2 to 37·9 in uncontested cases; but the average number of hearings has not perceptibly altered. As the Judicial Commissioner observes, average durations for the Province have of late years increased, while the average number of hearings has remained nearly the same. On both points—the duration of suits and the number of hearings—there is much room for improvement, and the Chief Commissioner would earnestly commend the matter to the notice not only of the Judicial Commissioner, but of Commissioners of Divisions and District Officers. During his recent tour through the Nagpur, Jubbulpore and Nerbudda Divisions, Mr. MacDonnell made it his special business to examine the Registers of institutions of civil suits, with a view to discovering the reasons for the growing delays from which litigants suffer in these Provinces; and he was surprised to find that in hardly a single instance had District or Divisional Officers scrutinized those Registers or exercised any control over the action of the subordinate Courts in the matter of postponements of cases. Very many instances of dilatory procedure and some instances of unnecessary procrastination and delay—amounting at times to absolute denials of justice—came under the Chief Commissioner's notice. In many cases the fault lay in the weakness of the Judicial staff, which was unable to meet the strain of Judicial as well as of increasing Executive duties. But the Chief Commissioner was satisfied that in not a few instances these abuses might have been avoided had District Officers scrutinized the Case Registers—which have been framed for (*inter alia*) the purpose of facilitating a careful watch over the disposal of business by the subordinate Courts. At the same time, a valid excuse

for their failure to perform this task is to be found in the overwhelming burden of work which in the depleted state of the Public Service in these Provinces had fallen on District Officers. The Chief Commissioner finds an additional palliative in the fact that, owing to the same cause, officers who ought to have been learning their work were called on to control and direct the work of others. Owing, however, to the action of the Government of India in strengthening the Commission and the Provincial Service, these difficulties have now somewhat abated; and the Chief Commissioner expects that, in future, there shall be no such lack of control over the proceedings of the subordinate Courts as he had occasion to animadvert on so frequently during his tour.

7. The number of applications for execution of decrees presented during the year was 86,399, of which 10,292 were left pending at the end of the year. The figures for 1890 were 87,440 and 11,016 respectively. So that there was a considerable decrease in the number presented, while the percentage of disposals remained nearly the same. (There seems to be some mistake in the statement in paragraph 21 of the Report that there was a considerable decrease in disposals, the difference in the two years being only 317.) The percentage of wholly infructuous applications is 53·8—nearly the same figure as for 1890. The Chief Commissioner approves of the proposal made in paragraph 21 of the Report to distinguish, in Additional Statement VII, applications dismissed for default, or withdrawn, from other infructuous applications. There is no doubt that (as the Judicial Commissioner points out) the percentage of infructuous applications is not really so deterrent to would-be litigants as it appears, because in many cases satisfaction is obtained out of Court and applications are withdrawn. At the same time Mr MacDonnell is wholly in favour of supervising, as far as possible, the work of process-servers in the manner indicated in the same paragraph, as there is much reason to fear that many of these petty officials are frequently in league with fraudulent debtors, and make false reports regarding their failures to attach movable property in execution of decrees The question of improving the stamp of men employed as process-servers has already been taken up by the Judicial Commissioner at the Chief Commissioner's request, and proposals to that end were received from him and sanctioned by the Chief Commissioner in February last.

8. The account given in paragraph 23 of the Report of the character of the work done by the various classes of Judges is valuable, and accords, in the main, with the Chief Commissioner's own impressions. It was because he was not satisfied with the general standard of the work done by Extra-Assistant Commissioners in the Central Provinces, that Mr. MacDonnell found it necessary to fill the new Civil Judgeships from without instead of from within the Province. At the same time he acknowledges that several of the Extra-Assistant Commissioners in the Central Provinces are excellent Judicial officers, and that nearly all of them are hard-working public servants. It has not been wholly the fault of some of them that they have failed to develope the Judicial faculty so successfully as they might have done had no executive duties been imposed on them.

The thanks of the Administration are due to the officers who are mentioned by name as having merited praise for their Judicial work.

9. In conclusion, the Chief Commissioner has to express his acknowledgments to Mr. Stevens for his very interesting Report, and for the helpful spirit towards the Administration which he has exhibited during his tenure of office.

ORDER.—Ordered, that a copy of this Resolution (with the usual number of spare copies) be submitted to the Government of India in the Home Department, and that a copy be forwarded to the Registrar, Judicial Commissioner's Court, for the information of the Judicial Commissioner; also that it be published in the Supplement to the *Central Provinces Gazette*, and that copies, bound with the Report, be distributed as usual.

[True Extract.]

L. K. LAURIE,

Offg. Secretary.

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FROM

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Central Provinces,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER,

Central Provinces.

Dated Nagpur, the 18th March 1892.

SIR,

I am directed to submit the Report on the administration of Civil Justice in the Central Provinces for the year 1891, with the District and Divisional Reports.

A.—TRIBUNALS.

2. The number of Courts open at the close of 1891 was 199, as against 200 open at the close of the preceding year. Details for the two years are given in the margin. The number of Civil Judges remained the same as at the close of 1890, but there was an alteration in their distribution; there being only one in Hoshangabad where there were two before, and Nimar—which had none before—being provided with one at the end of the year under report. An Extra-Assistant Commissioner was also posted to Bhandara at the end of December as Civil Judge, but he did not take over charge of his duties before the end of the year. The number of Assistant Commissioners' Courts open at the end of the year was one less than at the end of 1890. The result of various changes in the distribution of Civil work during the year was to leave the districts of Chanda, Wardha and Hoshangabad with one Assistant Commissioner's Court more than they had at the close of 1890; and the districts of Saugor, Narsinghpur, Bilaspur and Sambalpur with one less each. The Small Cause Court, Saugor, was closed at the end of the year, owing to the fact that the presiding officer ceased to exercise Civil powers in September. One more Naib-Tahsildar in Raipur exercised Civil powers.

	1890.	1891.
Court of the Judicial Commissioner .	1	1
Do. Commissioner	4	4
Do. Deputy Commissioner ..	18	18
Do. Civil Judge	12	12
Do. Assistant Commissioner ..	40	39
Do. Tahsildar	52	52
Do. Munsiff	22	22
Do. Naib-Tahsildar	44	45
Do. Small Cause Court Judges and Registrars ...	7	6
Total ...	200	199

There were four Honorary Judges,—Balwant Rao Bhuskuti of Burhanpur, Rao Bahadur Yado Rao of Bhandara, Rai Bahadur Mukund Balkrishna Buti of Nagpur, Honorary Extra-Assistant Commissioners, and Rup Narain Singh of Bilaspur, Honorary Munsiff. Of these, Mukund Balkrishna Buti did no work, and Rup Narain Singh and Rao Yado Rao but little; the latter ceased to exercise his powers during the latter half of the year, owing to ill health.

3. The Local Bar consists of 24 Advocates (of whom 17 are Barristers) and 132 Pleaders, distributed as follows :—

Nagpur	...	41	Burhanpur	...	2	Mandla	...	1
Bhandara	...	8	Jubbulpore	...	20	Narsinghpur	...	11
Chanda	...	2	Saugor	...	11	Chhindwara	...	2
Wardha	...	12	Damoh	...	3	Betul	...	1
Arvi	...	2	Hoshangabad	...	12	Raipur	...	8
Balaghat	...	1	Harda	...	5	Sambalpur	...	3
Khandwa	...	4	Seoni	...	3	Bilaspur	...	4

This shows an increase of 12 legal practitioners. Four districts—Balaghat, Mandla, Chhindwara and Betul—in which formerly no pleaders resided, now have 1, 1, 2 and 1 resident pleaders respectively.

At the examination of local candidates for admission as Pleaders, held at Nagpur in October last, ten candidates were successful, and four Bachelors of Law were enrolled during the year as Pleaders of the 2nd Grade.

B.—Extent and Character of Litigation.

I.—*Number of Suits.*

4. Of the following two tables, Table A shows the number of suits instituted and re-instituted in each district of the Provinces for each year from 1862 to date; Table B gives the same statistics for the last 5 years for each place where one or more Civil Courts are established :—

TABLE A.

Showing the number of suits instituted and re-instituted in each District of the Central Provinces from 1862 to 1891.

Years.	Nagpur.				Chanda.	Bhandara.	Wardha.	Balaghat.	Jubbulpore.				Saugor.			Seoni.	Damoh.	Mandla.	Hoshangabad.	Betul.	Nimar.			Narsinghpur.	Chhindwara.	Raipur.	Bilaspur.	Sambalpur.	Upper Godavari.	Grand Total.
	District.	City Small Cause Court.	Cantonment Cause Small Court, Kamptee.	Total.					District.	City Small Cause Court.	Cantonment Small Court.	Total.	District.	Cantonment Small Cause Court.	Total.						District.	Cantonment Small Cause Court, Asirgarh.	Total.							
1862.	3,349	1,622	1,602	6,583	667	1,750	658	...	1,619	315	504	2,438	2,313	601	2,914	806	760	369	2,016	1,058	...	...	...	2,121	705	1,326	163	345	7	24,666
1863.	3,020	1,436	2,338	6,794	687	1,684	592	...	1,385	1,321	686	3,392	2,380	572	2,952	973	729	201	2,202	1,142	...	..	...	2,691	1,038	820	222	201	35	26,305
1864.	2,547	1,622	1,706	6,045	716	1,692	490	...	1,230	1,683	612	3,525	2,109	1,161	3,270	1,280	859	354	3,183	1,288	4,398	...	4,398	2,542	870	1,221	707	275	42	32,697
1865.	2,974	1,288	806	5,068	649	2,076	927	...	1,734	1,789	455	3,928	2,741	709	3,450	1,343	1,377	563	5,887	1,156	3,354	.	3,354	3,558	1,303	1,573	1,781	695	66	39,254
1866.	3,386	2,320	1,017	6,623	1,021	2,420	1,216	...	1,405	1,636	481	3,522	2,988	720	3,708	1,185	1,289	421	5,279	1,194	7,561		7,561	3,416	1,345	1,379	2,896	594	163	45,250
1867.	3,390	2,289	1,323	8,002	1,219	2,934	1,893	303	1,685	1,662	296	3,643	2,724	389	3,113	1,263	1,709	380	5,427	1,979	5,541	27	5,568	2,272	1,990	1,406	3,762	592	89	48,544
1868.	4,566	4,060	2,083	10,709	1,636	2,798	3,057	810	1,699	2,052	541	4,292	8,612	559	4,171	1,394	1,631	401	5,494	2,732	6,508	244	6,752	4,125	2,770	1,659	3,466	538	125	58,558
1869.	4,529	4,415	3,454	13,398	2,006	2,814	3,724	925	1,441	1,984	514	3,939	4,052	835	4,887	1,387	1,760	528	5,068	2,351	7,854	293	8,147	4,535	3,340	1,982	1,298	886	159	63,137
1870.	5,648	4,880	3,407	13,935	2,587	3,596	4,277	727	1,725	2,435	445	4,605	4,003	692	4,695	2,185	1,693	656	6,750	2,702	7,689	165	7,854	5,657	4,027	3,123	1,866	959	289	72,183
1871	6,761	5,300	2,594	14,661	2,937	3,597	6,169	1,236	2,278	2,499	463	5,240	3,132	699	3,831	2,619	1,783	569	6,695	3,207	8,551	118	8,669	6,385	3,616	3,194	2,381	1,112	286	78,068
1872.	6,060	5,061	2,779	13,900	2,077	3,122	5,485	989	2,313	2,400	511	5,224	2,652	672	3,324	1,904	1,343	679	7,219	3,249	9,572	174	9,746	5,593	3,537	2,641	2,561	1,087	277	73,955
1873.	6,315	5,700	2,428	14,452	2,161	2,663	6,051	1,191	1,985	2,254	437	4,676	2,979	432	3,411	1,692	2,060	661	7,918	3,278	7,808	147	7,955	6,369	3,633	2,657	2,081	1,427	252	74,594
1874.	6,904	6,104	2,837	15,845	2,089	2,707	6,839	1,319	2,106	2,493	445	5,044	3,328	302	3,630	1,450	1,744	690	7,522	2,983	7,480	90	7,570	6,265	3,729	3,662	2,085	1,337	279	76,639
1875.	7,310	5,993	2,885	16,188	2,235	2,812	7,061	1,508	2,012	2,278	421	4,711	3,381	281	3,662	1,863	1,541	630	7,927	3,225	8,202	62	8,270	5,756	4,464	3,358	2,043	1,354	169	78,777
1876	9,152	7,465	2,830	19,447	3,175	3,190	7,159	1,584	2,205	2,037	430	4,672	3,719	399	4,018	1,666	1,477	624	3,331	3,390	8,454	84	8,538	4,967	4,391	4,838	2,885	1,812	108	86,265
1877.	10,244	7,401	3,189	20,834	3,085	3,684	6,400	1,795	2,015	2,219	456	5,290	4,190	300	4,490	1,841	1,940	772	8,344	3,210	7,469	97	7,566	5,146	3,969	5,320	2,868	1,784	137	88,484
1878.	9,105	8 301	3,493	20,899	2,754	3,074	4,549	2,300	2,427	2,508	454	5,389	3,810	297	4,107	1,815	1,500	557	7,175	2,510	6,436	57	6,493	4,351	3,200	4,790	2,57d	1,738	.	79,783
1879.	10,411	7,844	2,939	21,194	3,175	3,668	5,641	1,339	2,690	2,801	553	6,044	3,284	190	3,474	2,345	1,640	847	8,372	3,268	7,674	69	7,743	4,604	3,429	5,774	2,481	2,833	.	87,862
1880.	10,900	8,402	2,511	21,813	3,768	4,541	6,591	1,446	2,790	2,664	399	5,353	3,241	223	3,464	2,364	1,751	646	7,082	3,068	7,736	66	7,802	4,568	3,844	6,332	3,552	2,893	..	91,379
1881.	9,881	7,668	1,990	19,539	4,002	4,817	6,849	1,798	3,039	2,696	262	5,997	3,110	155	3,265	2,019	1,940	650	7,213	2,556	7,479	34	7,513	4,722	3,646	6,426	4,005	2,946	..	89,903
1882.	9,731	6,758	1,931	18,420	4,689	6,029	8,317	1,923	3,024	2,760	341	6,125	3,211	167	3,378	1,626	1,894	803	7,449	2,949	6,870	39	6,909	5,308	3,623	6,018	3,780	3,408	..	92,648
1883.	9,221	5,622	1,943	16,786	3,900	5,099	6,818	2,014	2,913	2,628	324	5,865	4,161	194	4,355	1,822	2,339	958	7,587	2,238	6,960	22	6,982	5,528	3,696	5,922	3,714	3,847	...	89,470
1884.	10,621	5,758	1,999	18,378	5,156	6,590	7,540	2,762	3,704	2,945	461	7,110	4,335	144	4,479	2,617	2,034	936	7,575	2,730	7,982	40	8,024	5,639	4,051	7,454	4,353	4,365	...	1,01,193
1885.	11,126	6,662	1,799	19,587	4,796	6,087	8,918	2,768	4,372	2,906	497	7,775	5,037	148	5,185	2,429	2,426	1,265	8,032	2,987	7,386	24	7,410	6,155	4,155	6,590	4,498	3,840	..	*1,04,904
1886.	11,695	7,926	1,966	21,587	5,107	5,893	8,565	2,509	4,651	3,382	520	8,553	4,981	214	5,195	3,034	2,845	1,591	8,162	3,019	7,433	37	7,470	6,418	4,864	8,373	5,789	3,988	...	†1,12,965
1887.	11,950	7,475	2,181	21,606	5,097	6,582	7,645	8,128	4,313	3,195	454	7,993	5,256	146	5,402	2,838	2,805	1,773	7,636	2,823	7,937	37	7,974	6,535	4,230	8,390	5,803	3,592	.	‡1,11,855
1888	11,254	6,725	2,065	20,044	5,489	6,824	7,392	3,019	4,211	3,104	547	7,862	5,257	314	5,571	2,836	3,303	1,305	7,614	2,761	7,078	17	7,095	6,727	4,031	7,856	6,377	4,366	...	¶1,10,479
1889.	10,393	5,992	2,116	18,501	4,756	7,436	6,998	2,831	3,703	2,838	608	7,149	5,358	251	5,609	2,914	3,513	1,200	6,813	2,609	6,297	29	6,326	5,861	3,718	6,406	4,656	3,023	.	§1,00,330
1890.	10,329	5,213	2,063	17,625	4,667	6,788	6,812	2,830	4,014	2,929	484	7,427	5,674	236	5,910	3,297	3,337	1,181	7,951	2,534	6,020	...	6,020	5,824	3,049	8,374	5,766	3,503	..	§§1,02,908
1891.	8,858	4,816	1,894	15,578	4,120	5,592	7,003	2,618	3,733	2,581	420	6,734	6,516	135	6,651	2,917	2,774	1,164	7,918	2,590	5,870	...	5,870	5,555	3,011	5,256	5,609	3,280	...	§§§95,249
Grades and number of Courts at the close of 1891.																														
Court of the Judicial Commissioner ...	1	...	...	...	...						...		..			...	...	...	...	...			...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Courts of the Commissioner ...	1	...	...	...	...						1		...			...	...	...	1	...			...	...	...	1	...	...	...	4
Courts of the Deputy Commissioner...	1	1	1	1	1						1		1		1	1	1	1	1	1			1	1	1	1	1	1	...	18
Courts of Civil Judges ...	1	1	...	1	...						2		1		1	...	...	...	1	...			1	1	...	1	1	1	...	12
Courts of the Assistant Commissioner	4	2	3	3	1						3		1		1	1	1	1	4	1			3	2	1	4	2	2	...	39
Courts of the Tahsildar ...	4	4	3	3	2						3		4		2	2	2	2	4	2			2	2	2	4	5	2	...	52
Courts of the Munsiff (Additional Tahsildar) ...	4	1	2	3	1						1		1		1	...	...	...	3	...			1	2	...[1]	1	1	1	...	22
Courts of the Naib-Tahsildar ..	3	5	3	3	1						3		4		2	2	1	2	2	2			2	2	2	4	3	1	...	45
Small Cause Courts & Registrars ...	4	...	...	...	...						2		...		...	...	...	...	..	...			...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
TOTAL ..	23	14	12	14	6						16		12		6	6	5	16	6				10	10	6	16	13	8	...	199

[1] Includes one suit instituted in the Court of the Commissioner, Jubbulpore Division.
[2] Includes three suits instituted in the Court of the Commissioner, Nagpur Division.
[3] Includes one suit instituted in do. do. do.
[4] Includes seven suits instituted in do. do. do.

§ Includes seven suits instituted in the Court of the Commissioner, Nagpur Division.
§§ Includes six do. do. do. do. and one suit in the Court of the Commissioner, Chhattisgarh Division.
§§§ Includes nine suits instituted in the Court of the Commissioner, Nagpur Division.

TABLE B.

Showing the number of suits instituted and re-instituted in each Head-quarters Station and each Tahsil of the Central Provinces, from 1887 to 1891.

Locality of Courts.		Number of suits instituted and re-instituted.				
		1887.	1888.	1889.	1890.	1891.
Nagpur ...	Nagpur	2,897	3,091	2,783	3,069	2,441
	Court of Small Causes, Nagpur ...	7,475	6,725	5,992	5,213	4,816
	Total ...	10,372	9,816	8,775	8,282	7,257
	Court of Small Causes, Kamptee ..	2,181	2,065	2,116	2,083	1,894
	Katol	2,645	2,523	2,523	2,310	2,280
	Ramtek	3,877	3,052	3,038	2,555	2,360
	Umrer	2,531	2,588	2,049	2,395	1,787
Chanda ...	Chanda	479	552	550	594	986
	Warora	2,048	1,844	1,558	1,313	1,372
	Mul	1,146	1,398	1,214	1,378	631
	Brahmapuri	1,252	1,457	1,257	1,153	910
	Siroucha	172	238	177	229	221
Bhandara ...	Bhandara	3,343	3,291	3,293	3,028	2,666
	Tirora	2,217	2,300	2,911	2,684	2,080
	Sakoli	1,022	1,233	1,232	1,076	846
Wardha ..	Wardha	3,406	3,328	3,472	3,648	3,874
	Arvi	2,091	1,784	1,580	1,397	411
	Hinganghat	2,148	2,280	1,946	1,767	1,718
Balaghat ...	Burha	2,924	2,852	2,652	2,709	2,507
	Behir	204	167	179	121	111
Jubbulpore ...	Jubbulpore	1,855	1,977	1,771	2,047	1,883
	Court of Small Causes, Jubbulpore ...	3,195	3,104	2,838	2,929	2,581
	Do. do. Cantonment ...	454	547	608	484	420
	Total ...	5,504	5,628	5,217	5,460	4,884
	Murwara	1,008	792	792	753	730
	Sehora	1,480	1,442	1,120	1,156	1,012
	Umaria	...	...	20	58	108

Locality of Courts.		Number of suits instituted and re-instituted.				
		1887.	1888.	1889.	1890.	1891.
Saugor ...	Saugor	2,580	2,269	2,275	2,550	2,913
	Court of Small Causes, Saugor ...	146	314	251	236	135
	Kurai	1,197	1,164	1,386	1,249	1,532
	Rehli	951	1,029	900	1,055	1,254
	Banda	528	795	797	820	817
Damoh ...	Damoh	2,139	2,413	2,454	2,475	1,998
	Hatta	666	890	1,059	862	776
Seoni ...	Seoni	1,785	1,791	1,999	2,304	1,946
	Lakhnadon	1,053	1,045	919	993	971
Mandla ...	Mandla	1,571	1,120	1,027	1,020	992
	Ramgarh	202	185	173	161	172
Hoshangabad ...	Hoshangabad	3,239	3,140	2,955	3,065	3,352
	Seoni	1,010	884	627	953	711
	Harda	1,784	2,170	1,767	2,343	2,223
	Sohagpur	1,495	1,316	1,324	1,487	1,595
	Pachmarhi	108	104	140	103	37
Betul ...	Betul	1,676	1,684	1,623	1,687	1,673
	Multai	1,147	1,077	986	847	917
Narsinghpur ...	Narsinghpur	3,414	3,527	3,263	3,396	3,212
	Gadarwara	3,124	3,200	2,598	2,428	2,343
Nimar ...	Khandwa	5,595	5,184	4,331	4,368	4,192
	Burhanpur	2,342	1,894	1,966	1,652	1,678
	Court of Small Causes, Asirgarh ...	37	17	29	...	...
Chhindwara ...	Chhindwara	2,853	2,712	2,570	2,135	1,983
	Sausar	1,377	1,319	1,148	914	1,028
Raipur ...	Raipur	3,347	3,596	2,921	3,715	3,261
	Drug	1,441	1,595	1,149	1,443	953
	Dhamtari	1,909	1,072	1,074	1,226	1,003
	Simga	1,693	1,593	1,262	1,990	1,039
Sambalpur ...	Sambalpur	2,180	2,738	1,881	2,321	2,132
	Bargarh	1,412	1,628	1,142	1,188	1,148
Bilaspur ...	Bilaspur	2,335	2,538	1,777	2,463	2,480
	Mungeli	2,052	1,953	1,584	1,955	1,549
	Seorinarain	1,308	1,575	855	1,003	1,182
	Pandaria	108	311	214	303	349
	Pendra	...	...	26	42	49
Total ...		111,855*	110,479†	100,330‡	102,908§	95,249¶

* Includes one suit instituted in the Court of the Commissioner, Nagpur Division.
† Do. seven suits do. do. do. do.
‡ Do seven suits do. do. do. do.
§ Do. six suits do. do. do. do and one suit in the Court of the Commissioner, Chhattisgarh Division.
¶ Do. nine suits instituted in the Court of the Commissioner, Nagpur Division.

Table B-2 compares the figures of 1890 and 1891 :—

TABLE B-2.

District.	Number of suits instituted and re-instituted in		Increase or decrease.	Percentage.
	1890.	1891.		
Nagpur	17,625	15,578	—2,047	11·6
Chanda	4,667	4,120	—547	11·7
Bhandara	6,788	5,592	—1,196	17·6
Wardha	6,812	7,003	+191	2·8
Balaghat	2,830	2,618	—212	7·5
Jubbulpore	7,427	6,734	—693	9·3
Saugor	5,910	6,651	+741	12·5
Seoni	3,297	2,774	—523	15·9
Damoh	3,337	2,917	—420	12·6
Mandla	1,181	1,164	—17	1·4
Hoshangabad... ...	7,951	7,918	—33	0·4
Betul	2,534	2,590	+56	2·2
Nimar	6,020	5,870	—150	2·5
Narsinghpur	5,824	5,555	—269	4·6
Chhindwara	3,049	3,011	—38	1·2
Raipur	8,374	6,256	—2,118	25·3
Bilaspur	5,766	5,609	—157	2·7
Sambalpur	3,509	3,280	—229	6·5
Total ...	*102,908	†95,249	—7,659	7·4

* Includes six suits instituted in the Court of the Commissioner, Nagpur Division, and one suit in the Court of the Commissioner, Chhattisgarh Division.
† Includes nine suits instituted in the Court of the Commissioner, Nagpur Division.

5. The total number of suits instituted in the Province in 1891 was smaller than in any year since 1883. This result has been arrived at by a continued diminution, only slightly checked in 1890, in the number of institutions since 1886; the figures for 1891 showing a decrease of 15·6 per cent. on those for 1886, and of 7·4 on those for 1890. This continued decrease in litigation has been general in all districts except Saugor, where there has been a steady increase for the last 12 years; and Seoni, where there was a steady increase for the six years prior to 1890; Hoshangabad, where the figures have not altered much for some years; and Bhandara, Bilaspur and Sambalpur, where the institutions have fluctuated considerably. The largest decrease this year was in the Chhattisgarh Division (16·5 per cent. on the figures for 1890), Nagpur coming next, followed by Jubbulpore. The Nerbudda Division shows but little alteration. Saugor, Wardha and Betul are the only districts which show an increase in litigation, and—except in Saugor, where it is 12·5 per cent.—this increase is inconsiderable. The decrease is variously ascribed in the District and Divisional reports to poor harvests, good harvests, cholera, the census operations, the improved condition of the people consequent on the opening of new industries, the effects of Takavi advances to cultivators, and, in the Chhattisgarh Division, to the opening of the Bengal-Nagpur Railway. The increase in Saugor and Wardha is attributed by the District Officers to good and bad harvests respectively. The Commissioner, Jubbulpore Division, thinks that the nature of the harvest does not affect civil litigation, and there would seem to be some ground for this view, as good and bad harvests have apparently been followed by opposite conditions of litigation in different districts. The Officiating Judicial Commissioner is familiar with this means (always ready to hand) of accounting for increase and decrease of litigation, from his experience in Bengal, and he entirely distrusts it.

The Commissioner, Nagpur Division, puts forward the theory that the people are beginning to think litigation an expensive amusement, and to understand that it is better to put up with slight wrongs than to seek redress in the Courts. Judging from the number of quite hopeless and sometimes frivolous appeals and applications which are filed in his own Court, the Officiating Judicial Commissioner finds some difficulty in accepting this view.

II.—*Value of Suits.*

6. The relative values of the suits instituted in 1891 are shown in Table C, and the figures for 1890 and 1891 are contrasted in Table C-2.

TABLE C.

Grades of value.	Number of suits instituted.	Percentage of total suits.	Average value.
			Rs.
Not exceeding Rs. 10 ...	19,896	21·0	6
Ditto „ 50 ...	46,417	48·7	26
Ditto „ 100 ...	14,484	15·2	71
Ditto „ 500 ...	12,205	12·8	198
Ditto „ 1,000 ...	1,169	2·1	675
Ditto „ 5,000 ...	771		1,956
Ditto „ 10,000 ...	61		7,609
Exceeding „ 10,000 ...	53		18,413
Number of suits the value of which cannot be estimated.	193	0·2	...
Total ...	95,249	100·0	...

TABLE C-2.

Grades of value.	Number of suits instituted in 1890.	Number of suits instituted in 1891.	Increase or decrease.	Percentage.
Not exceeding Rs. 10 ...	22,035	19,896	—2,139	9·7
Ditto „ 50 ...	50,627	46,417	—4,210	8·3
Ditto „ 100 ...	15,474	14,484	—990	6·4
Ditto „ 500 ...	12,486	12,205	—281	2·2
Ditto „ 1,000 ..	1,174	1,169	—5	0·4
Ditto „ 5,000 ...	805	771	—34	4·2
Ditto „ 10,000 ...	65	61	—4	6·1
Exceeding „ 10,000 ...	40	53	+13	32·5
Number of suits the value of which cannot be estimated ...	202	193	—9	4·4
Total ...	102,908	95,249	—7,659	—7·4

Table D shows the percentages of Table C in detail according to districts :—

TABLE D.

Districts.	Not exceeding Rs. 10.	Not exceeding Rs. 50.	Not exceeding Rs. 100.	Not exceeding Rs. 500.	Exceeding Rs. 500.	Value cannot be estimated.
Nagpur ...	25·3	48·4	13·6	10·9	1·7	0·1
Chanda ...	24·9	52·4	13·1	9·0	0·6	...
Bhandara ...	16·1	54·7	16·0	11·6	1·6	...
Wardha ...	19·4	47·8	15·6	14·2	2·5	0·5
Balaghat ...	22·0	51·3	16·0	8·9	1·3	0·2
Jubbulpore ...	18·9	47·8	15·3	14·7	3·3	...
Saugor ...	16·8	52·9	14·9	12·5	2·1	0·8
Damoh ...	19·4	53·4	12·5	12·8	1·9	...
Seoni ...	21·1	52 8	12·8	11·6	1·7	...
Mandla ...	32·8	47·5	10·2	8·5	1·0	...
Hoshangabad ...	9·1	39·5	20·5	25·5	5·4	...
Betul ...	14·2	47·0	19·5	15·9	2·2	1·2
Narsinghpur ...	13·0	48·1	20·6	14·6	3·7	...
Chhindwara ...	16·4	47·7	18·7	14·7	2·5	...
Nimar ...	22·0	50·2	15·9	10·5	0·9	0·5
Raipur ...	25·5	47·2	14·6	11·2	1·5	...
Sambalpur ...	32·9	46·7	10·2	9·4	0·8	...
Bilaspur ...	33·8	49 1	9·7	6·2	1·0	0·2

7. The decrease in litigation thus took place in all grades of value except the highest, but occurred chiefly in the three lowest grades. It was noticed in the reports for 1888 and 1889 that the average values of suits had a tendency to increase with the development of the country and the increase of trade; this tendency is again exemplified by this year's statistics, the percentage of suits not exceeding Rs. 100 in value having again fallen 1·2 per cent. The percentages of suits of higher value have scarcely altered.

III.—Description of Suits.

8. Table E shows the distribution of suits under the heads of Suits for money or moveable property, Suits between landlord and tenant, and Title and other suits, in 1889, 1890 and 1891 :—

TABLE E.

Description of suits.	1889.		1890.		1891.	
	Number of suits.	Percentage of total suits.	Number of suits.	Percentage of total suits.	Number of suits.	Percentage of total suits.
I.—Suits for money or moveable property .	82,971	82·7	82,731	80·4	75,174	78·9
II.—Suits between landlord and tenant ..	10,511	10·5	11,594	11·3	11,078	11·6
III.—Title and other suits ...	6,848	6·8	8,583	8·3	8,997	9·5
Total ...	100,330	100·0	102,908	100·0	95,249	100·0

9. Table E shows that the decrease in litigation occurred chiefly in "Suits for money or moveable property." "Suits between landlords and tenants" showing a smaller decrease, and "Title and other suits" an increase. The decrease of Class I occurred in all districts except Saugor and Hoshangabad, where there was an increase. The percentage of Class I to the whole litigation has perceptibly diminished. It is noticeable that since the year 1886 suits included in Class I have been diminishing in actual numbers; while the institutions in Classes II and III have tended to increase, and are now considerably higher than in 1886. From this it of course follows that the proportion of Class I to the other two classes has continued to diminish during the last 6 years. The decrease in institutions during 1891 coming under Class I is spread over all the sub-heads, except suits for "money had and received" and "on account stated." The principal decrease occurs in suits on "breach of contract" and for "goods sold." Under Class II it is confined chiefly to suits for arrears of rent; and the increase in Class III chiefly to suits to declare and establish rights to real property. Suits for immoveable property have shown considerable variation on last year's figures in some districts; this is said to be due chiefly to the variation in the number of suits between tenants for recovery of possession, and is probably affected by the completion of the Settlement operations.

10. In Table F a further specification is given of the suits entered in Class I of Table E, and the variations as compared with the figures for 1890 are shown :—

TABLE F.

Description of suits.	1890.		1891.		Increase or decrease in percentage.
	Number of suits.	Percentage of total suits.	Number of suits.	Percentage of total suits.	
Contract in writing ...	43,505	42·3	39,376	41·3	— 1·0
Contract not in writing ...	17,117	16·6	16,125	16·9	+ 0·3
On account stated ...	4,578	4·4	4,692	4·9	+ 0·5
Money had and received ..	665	0·6	754	0·8	+ 0·2
Goods sold ...	6,884	6·7	5,616	5·9	— 0·8
Wages, work and materials ..	949	0·9	772	0·8	— 0·1
Breach of contract not mentioned above. ...	1,444	1·4	680	0·7	- 0·7
Rent not falling under the Rent Law ...	672	0·6	592	0·6	...
Moveable property or value thereof ...	4,135	4·0	3,932	4·1	+ 0·1
Damages ...	2,782	2·7	2,635	2·8	+ 0·1
Total ...	82,731	80·4	75,174	78·9	— 1·5

TABLE G.

Classified details of the principal descriptions o suits in Table E:—

Districts.	Total suits instituted.	For money due.						Moveable property or value thereof.		Damages.		Suits for arrears of rents.		Other suits between landlord and tenants.		Immoveable property.	
		Contract in writing.		Contract not in writing.		Goods sold.											
		Number.	Percentage of suits instituted.	Number.	Percentage of suits instituted.	Number.	Percentage of suits instituted.	Number.	Percentage of suits instituted.	Number.	Percentage of suits instituted.	Number.	Percentage of suits instituted.	Number.	Percentage of suits instituted.	Number.	Percentage of suits instituted.
Nagpur ...	15,578	7,107	45·6	1,984	12 7	2,125	13·6	484	3·1	402	2·6	859	5·5	114	0·7	1,358	8·7
Chanda ...	4,120	2,054	49·9	608	14·8	206	5·0	300	7·3	108	2·6	212	5·1	14	0·3	130	3·2
Bhandara ..	5,592	3,039	54·3	658	11·8	95	1·7	146	2·6	177	3·2	687	12·3	300	5·4	133	2·4
Wardha ...	7,003	2,460	35·1	798	11·4	538	7·7	366	5·2	179	2·6	690	9·8	344	4·9	321	4·6
Balaghat ...	2,618	1,053	40·2	703	26·8	35	1·3	142	5·4	90	3·4	221	8·4	68	2·6	167	6·4
Jubbulpore ...	6,734	2,723	40·4	905	13·4	549	8·1	233	30·5	176	2·6	733	10·9	179	2·7	361	5·4
Saugor ...	6,651	2,467	37·1	1,382	20·8	120	1·8	230	3·5	47	0·7	573	8·6	197	2·9	180	2·7
Damoh ...	2,774	1,031	37·2	305	11·0	50	1·8	147	5·3	59	2·1	185	6·7	54	1·9	145	5·2
Seoni ...	2,917	961	32·9	636	21·8	218	7·5	75	2·6	137	4·7	249	8 5	119	4·1	96	3·3
Mandla ...	1,164	314	26·9	354	30·4	84	7·2	55	4·7	75	6·4	90	7·7	22	1·9	18	1·5
Hoshangabad ..	7,918	4,427	55·9	1,345	17·0	35	0·4	145	1·8	99	1·2	643	8·1	175	2·2	340	4·3
Betul ...	2,590	1,150	44·4	407	15·7	118	4·5	78	3·0	96	3·7	222	8·6	50	1·9	164	6·3
Narsinghpur ...	5,555	2,416	43·5	668	12·0	60	1 0	195	3·5	59	1·0	1,180	21·0	70	1·2	218	3·9
Chhindwara ...	3,011	1,285	42·7	277	9·2	147	4·9	230	7·6	133	4·4	175	5·8	111	3·7	264	8 8
Nimar ..	5,870	3,136	53·4	658	11·2	525	8·9	231	3·9	75	1·3	257	4·5	55	0·9	180	3·0
Raipur ...	6,256	1,663	26·6	1,999	31·9	177	2·8	200	3·2	273	4·4	568	9 0	492	7 9	360	5·7
Sambalpur ...	3,280	773	23·5	661	20·1	155	4 8	215	6·5	284	8·6	212	6·5	239	7·3	359	10·9
Bilaspur ...	5,609	1,317	23·5	1,777	31·7	378	6·7	460	8·2	166	2·9	454	8·1	265	4·7	335	5·9
Total ...	*95,249	39,376	41·3	16,125	16·9	5,616	5·9	3,932	4·1	2,635	2 8	8,210	8·6	2,868	3·0	5,129	5·4

* Includes 9 suits instituted in the Court of the Commissioner, Nagpur Division.

11. Table G gives the classified details of the principal descriptions of suits in Table E, distributed according to districts :—

It is probable that numerous mistakes are still made in the classification of suits, especially under the numerous sub-heads of Class I. The Officiating Judicial Commissioner is glad to learn that the Government of India have decided that the present classification is needlessly elaborate and should be simplified.

12. Table H gives the relative value of the principal descriptions of suits :—

TABLE H.

Description of suits.	Number.	Percentage of					
		Suits not exceeding				Suits above	Total.
		Rs. 10.	Rs. 50.	Rs. 100.	Rs. 500.	Rs. 500.	
Contract in writing ...	39,376	8·5	55·1	20·1	14·6	1·7	100·
Contract not in writing.	16,125	37·3	48·9	7·9	5·3	0·6	100·
Goods sold ...	5,616	55·8	35·4	5·2	3·4	0·2	100·
Moveable property or value thereof ...	3,932	32·4	46 6	10·1	8·9	2·0	100·
Damages ...	2,635	23·8	42·8	15·8	14·7	2·9	100·
Arrears of rent ...	8,210	21·9	54·3	15·4	8·1	0·3	100·
Immoveable property.	5,129	17·2	37·3	18·3	21·1	6·1	100·
Increase or decrease compared with the results of 1890.							
Contract in writing ...	—4,129	— 0·7	— 0·5	+ 0·1	+ 1·0	+ 0·1	
Contract not in writing ...	— 992	— 0·1	+ 0·5	+ 0·3	— 0·2	— 0·5	
Goods sold ...	—1,268	+ 0·5	— 0·8	— 0·3	— 0·6	...	
Moveable property or value thereof.	— 203	+ 1·0	— 1·6	+ 0·1	...	+ 0·5	
Damages ..	— 147	— 0·5	+ 0·6	...	— 0·4	+ 0·1	
Arrears of rent ...	— 524	— 1·3	+ 0·1	+ 1·1	...	+ 0·1	
Immoveable property ...	+ 7	+ 2·2	— 1·4	+ 1·1	— 1·1	— 0·8	

It appears probable that the same general cause has contributed to the decrease in litigation all over the Province, with the exception of the Saugor District, since 1886. It appears from the statistics referred to above that the decrease has been confined to suits for money or moveable property of a low value. To account for a continuing and wide-spread diminution in institutions such as is here indicated, such local and inconstant causes as the state of the crops, the prevalence or absence of disease, and Census operations, do not suffice Moreover the two last-mentioned would affect all classes of suits and not only Class I. No doubt these circumstances may exercise some influence on litigation, but as the influence they exercise is not constant, the continued decrease in the figures for the whole Province is not explained by them. It is a significant fact that for the last few years the Provincial percentage of wholly infructuous decrees has steadily increased. In the Saugor District the percentage has decreased. It is possible that creditors are gradually becoming more alive to the fact that it is useless to go to the expense of obtaining a decree which they will probably not be able to execute, and thus (to use a homely saying) to "throw good money after bad." They may sometimes be deterred by this consideration from instituting a suit when formerly they would have done so. The Officiating

Judicial Commissioner observes that there was a sudden and extraordinary drop in the institutions of suits for money or moveable property from 92,005 in the year 1888 to 82,971 in 1889. In view of this fact he is inclined to think that the passing of the Debtors Act, 1888, may have had something to do with the diminution of institutions, directly by making it more difficult for a decree-holder to execute his decree, and indirectly by making those who have money to lend less willing to lend it, except on undoubted security.

C.—General Distribution and Results of Trials of Civil Suits by Courts of Original Jurisdiction.

I.—*Distribution.*

13. The following table shows how the suits disposed of during the year were distributed among the different classes of Courts in the several districts:—

TABLE J.

Total number of Judges.		6	45	22	52	2	37	12	18	194
Districts.		Small Cause Courts.	Naib-Tahsildars.	Munsiffs.	Tahsildars.	Honorary Assistant Commissioners	Assistant and Extra-Assistant Commissioners (excluding Civil Judges).	Civil Judges.	Deputy Commissioners.	Total.
1		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Nagpur	...	6,680	2,450	4,383	865	...	1,174	16	2	15,570
Chanda	...	...	1,862	1,093	773	...	428	15	2	4,173
Bhandara	...	...	941	2,636	1,316	10	663	...	6	5,572
Wardha	.	...	1,952	3,069	748	..	1,127	66	...	6,962
Balaghat	...	...	385	1,223	462	...	306	..	23	2,399
Jubbulpore	...	2,943	1,250	301	1,085	...	965	13	...	6,557
Saugor	..	155	2,881	1,014	1,410	...	932	49	1	6,442
Damoh	...	...	1,664	...	798	...	327	...	...	2,789
Seoni	...	...	1,800	...	667	...	431	...	20	2,918
Mandla	...	...	436	...	548	...	137	...	5	1,126
Hoshangabad	...	...	1,073	2,996	2,415	...	1,232	26	2	7,746
Betul	...	...	1,194	...	939	...	416	...	3	2,552
Narsinghpur	...	..	1,456	2,315	399	...	1,207	97	8	5,482
Chhindwara	...	..	1,353	...	1,018	...	585	...	3	2,959
Nimar	...	...	1,984	2,161	907	206	387	...	1	5,646
Raipur	...	...	2,687	1,101	1,351	...	1,252	53	...	6,444
Sambalpur	...	...	875	734	426	...	1,212	7	1	3,255
Bilaspur	...	...	3,242	130	1,399	...	753	33	...	5,557
Total	1891 .	9,778	29,485	23,158	17,526	216	13,534	375	77	94,149
	1890...	10,932	33,146	24,830	20,457	236	13,300		86	102,987
Percentage	1891...	10·6	31·3	24·6	18·6	0·2	14·3	0·3	0·1	100·
	1890...	10·6	32·2	24·1	19·9	0·2	12·9		0·1	100·
	1889...	11·8	31·9	23·9	19·8	0·1	12·4		0·1	100·
	1888...	11·8	28·7	27·5	20·0	...	11·9		0·1	100·
	1887...	12·0	31·5	25·2	20·1	0·1	11·0		0·1	100·

The figures for Civil Judges' Courts have been shown separately from those of Assistant Commissioners, as suggested in paragraph 3 of the Chief Commissioner's Resolution on the Civil Justice Report of last year. All classes of Courts show a decrease, except those of Assistant Commissioners and Extra-Assistant Commissioners. This is doubtless due to the fact that the percentage of low value suits during the year under report was lower than in 1890. Several Munsiffs were during the year invested with 1st Class powers, and were able to relieve Tahsildars of some of the work that fell to their share during 1890.

To this, and to the fact that the Munsiff at Bhandara worked during the whole of the year under report, whereas in 1890 he only worked for half the year, may be attributed the increase in the percentage of suits disposed of by Munsiffs, and the decrease in the percentage of those disposed of by Tahsildars. Deputy Commissioners are generally endeavouring to relieve the Tahsildars of as much Civil work as possible, in order to set them free for Revenue work.

14. Table K gives the institution of suits in the various Courts according to values:—

TABLE K.

Judges.	Registrars of Courts of Small Causes.	Judges of Courts of Small Causes	Naib-Tahsildars.	Tahsildars and Munsiffs.	Assistant and Extra-Assistant Commissioners, including Civil Judges.	Deputy Commissioners	Commissioners.	Total.
Number of Judges ...	2	4	45	74	51	18	4	198

Grades of value of suits.	Total No. of suits instituted.	Percentage of suits instituted in the Courts of each class of Judge.						
Not exceeding Rs. 10	19,896	14·0	56·3	20·0	9·7	...	...	100·
Do. 50	46,417	10·3	39·7	42·2	7·8	...	...	100·
Do. 100	14,484	8·5	...	78·2	13 3	...	...	100·
Do. 500	12,205	8·4	...	51·9	39·7	...	...	100·
Do. 1,000	1,169	3·8	...	...	96·0	0·2	...	100·
Do. 5,000	771	...	...	...	95·7	4·3	...	100·
Do. 10,000	61	...	...	...	75·4	24·6	...	100·
Exceeding 10,000	53	...	...	...	71·7	28·3	...	100·
No. of suits the value of which cannot be estimated.	193	...	...	2·6	96·4	1·0	...	100·
All grades ..	95,249	10·3	31·1	43·3	15·2	0·1	...	100·

II.—*Results of Trials.*

15. The general results of the trials of the suits disposed of are shown in Table L:—

TABLE L.

Results.	Number of suits.	Proportion per cent. in 1891.	Corresponding proportion in			
			1890.	1889.	1888.	1887.
Plaints rejected or returned ...	858	0·9	0·8	0·8	0·7	0·7
Transferred to other districts or Small Cause Courts' jurisdiction.	...	...	...	...	...	...
(*a*).—*Disposed of without contest.*						
Dismissed for default ...	17,746	18·8	19·0	18·3	18·5	18·2
Withdrawn with leave ...	736	0·8	0 8	0 9	0·9	1·0
Compromised ...	9,745	10·4	10·3	9·6	10·1	10·1
Decreed on confession ...	18,029	19·1	19 6	20·3	20·8	22·0
Decreed *ex parte* ...	16,961	18·0	18·6	19·0	18·3	18·5
Dismissed *ex parte* ...	926	1·0	0·9	1·0	1·0	1·1
Total uncontested ..	64,143	68·1	69·2	69·2	69·6	70·9
(*b*).—*Contested and judgment given for*—						
Plaintiff in whole ...	13,764	14·6	14·2	13·9	13·3	12·5
Do. in part ...	7,669	8·2	8·1	8 5	8·4	8·6
Defendant in whole ...	7,719	8·2	7·7	7·7	7·9	7·3
Total contested ...	29,152	31·0	30· 0	30·0	29·0	28·4

The variations on the statistics of 1890 are inconsiderable, and call for no remark.

Some Deputy Commissioners report unfavourably of the procedure of certain Courts in dismissing suits for default and passing decrees on confession and *ex parte*, but it is evident from all the reports that a careful watch is kept on the action of the Courts in this respect. In the Nagpur District all Courts submit to the Deputy Commissioner a statement showing dismissals for default, which enables him to keep a constant check on the procedure followed.

16. The number of suits pending at the end of the year was 10,391, as against 9,295 at the close of 1890, and the number pending over 4 months, 510 as against 412. The percentage of suits pending to the number disposed of was therefore, in 1890, 9 per cent, and in 1891, 11 per cent. The number pending over 4 months has also increased.

This increase occurred in all Divisions except Chhattisgarh, and in this Division the pending files last year were high. The largest percentage of pending cases is shown by Balaghat, with a percentage of 23·8; other districts above the Provincial average being Nagpur, Wardha, Raipur and Bilaspur. The increase in long pending cases is more than proportional to the increase in the total pending file.

The increase in the pending files is generally accounted for by changes in the District staff towards the close of the year, and in some districts this is the real cause in all probability, but it will not account for the increase in many districts.

In Jubbulpore the Deputy Commissioner and Commissioner assign it to the dilatory procedure of some of the Courts, and their readiness to succumb to the procrastinating manœuvres of some of the Local Pleaders.

The heavy file in Balaghat is said to be almost entirely in the Munsiff's Court, but is not otherwise explained.

There is no doubt that the Census operations were a serious hindrance to the punctual despatch of business by the Civil Courts. Besides entailing the closing of the Civil Courts for a period of 11 days more than usual, they necessitated the partial withdrawal of some Judges in every district from their Judicial work during the first quarter of the year under report.

17. The following figures show the Provincial durations and average number of hearings for the last three years:—

		1889.	1890.	1891.
Duration of suits ...	Contested ...	55·1	59·6	66·5
	Uncontested ...	34·9	36·2	37·9
Average number of hearings	Contested ...	3·6	3·0	3·3
	Uncontested ...	2·0	1·9	1·8

In regard to average durations, the Provincial average has risen from 59·6 to 66·5 in contested, and from 36·2 to 37·9 in uncontested cases. The increased length of the Civil Court holidays and the addition of Census work to the Judicial duties of Judges has in part caused the large rise in the average durations, and the slight increase in the average number of hearings. The only districts in which the average durations have improved on the figures for 1890 are Narsinghpur and Wardha. The averages of Wardha are, however, still very high. In the districts in which the average number of hearings has increased, the trial of cases was greatly delayed by the heavy floods which occurred during the latter part of the rainy season, notably in Damoh and Chanda. The districts that show worst as regards both durations and numbers of hearings, are Wardha, Raipur and Chanda. The Deputy Commissioner, Wardha, explains that in the first half of the year the district staff was very short-handed. The Deputy Commissioner, Raipur, is not sure whether the bad averages are caused by the fact that the Courts do not allow sufficient time for service of summons, or by the insufficiency of the process-serving establishment. He promises to report separately on the subject. In Chanda the Deputy Commissioner attributes the high average durations to the dilatory procedure of one Extra-Assistant Commissioner. The Officiating Judicial Commissioner has noticed during the year that in some districts much delay is caused by the non-attendance of wit-

nesses in obedience to summons. With a view to drawing the attention of the Courts to the importance of insuring that their processes are respected, the Officiating Judicial Commissioner has directed the submission of a statement showing the number of witnesses punished under Sections 170 and 174, Criminal Procedure Code.

Of late years the average durations for the Province have increased, while the average number of hearings has remained nearly the same. This means that longer adjournments are granted by the Courts than was formerly the case. It may be connected in some way with the more frequent employment of legal practitioners by parties, and with the increase in the percentage of the more important cases. The monthly explanations of delay submitted by the subordinate Courts always receive the personal attention of the Judicial Commissioner, whose efforts are constantly directed to discouraging long and unnecessary adjournments.

18. The number of commissions issued in the past three years is shown below:—

	1889.	1890.	1891.
For local investigation ...	414	457	406
For examination of accounts ...	55	79	66

Courts are occasionally still inclined to issue commissions for local investigation and examination of accounts, merely to save themselves trouble. Such cases are, however, always commented on when the monthly returns are submitted. References to arbitration and decisions by oath continue to decrease, as also do instalment decrees and disallowances of successful plantiffs' costs.

D.—Appellate Business.

19. The following Table M compares the number of first appeals instituted in 1890 and 1891:—

TABLE M.

Appeals to Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners.

	Courts of Commissioners.		Courts of Deputy Commissioners.		Courts of Civil Judges.		Total.		Percentage of appeals to appealable cases.	
	1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.	1890	1891	1890.	1891.
From decrees of ordinary Civil Courts ...	299	293	2,946	2,838	3,006	3,081	6,251	6,212	.	...
From orders	80	95	239	233	288	264	607	592	...	...
Total ..	379	388	3,185	3,071	3,294	3,345	6,858	6,804	22 7	23 7

20. Table N gives the result of appeals, first and second.

TABLE N.

Disposal of Appeals.

Courts.	Confirmed without notice to respondent.		Dismissed in default.		Remanded for re-trial.		Decree of Lower Courts.						Total disposed of.
							Modified.		Reversed.		Confirmed.		
	Number.	Percentage of total appeals.	Number.	Percentage of total appeals.	Number.	Percentage of total appeals.	Number.	Percentage of total appeals.	Number.	Percentage of total appeals.	Number.	Percentage of total appeals.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Court of the Judicial Commissioner ...	87	13·0	19	2·8	38	5·7	39	5·8	97	14·5	389	58·2	669
Courts of the Commissioner—													
Nagpur ...	...	...	3	3·8	3	3·8	19	24·1	17	21·5	37	46·8	79
Jubbulpore ...	5	6·6	1	1·3	4	5·2	15	19·7	17	22·4	34	44·8	76
Nerbudda ...	...	..	11	6·4	8	4·6	26	15·1	18	10 5	109	63·4	172
Chhattisgarh ...	6	11·8	...	...	2	3·9	2	3·9	11	21·6	30	58 8	51
Total ...	11	2·9	15	4·0	17	4·5	62	16·4	63	16·7	210	55·5	378
Courts of Deputy Commissioners.													
Nagpur ...	22	44·9	1	2·0	2	4·1	5	10·2	13	26·5	6	12·3	49
Chanda ...	20	14·8	10	7·4	6	4·5	25	18·5	29	21·5	45	33·3	135
Bhandara ...	20	9·1	8	3 6	9	4·1	27	12·3	51	23·2	105	47·7	220
Wardha ...	22	15·5	7	4·9	5	3·5	21	14·8	32	22·6	55	38·7	142
Balaghat ...	49	38·6	9	7·1	2	1·6	9	7·1	17	13·4	41	32 2	127
Jubbulpore ...	1	0·5	9	4·2	17	8·0	23	10·8	44	20·6	119	55·9	213
Saugor ...	1	3·7	6	22·2	2	7·4	1	3·7	8	29·6	9	33·4	27
Damoh ...	25	13·1	11	5·8	6	3·1	13	6·8	44	23·0	92	48·2	191
Seoni ...	10	4·2	17	7·1	20	8·3	23	9·6	41	17·1	129	53·7	240
Mandla ...	39	49·4	2	2·5	6	7 6	6	7·6	8	10·1	18	22·8	79
Hoshangabad ...	15	6·8	13	5·9	5	2·3	13	5·9	28	12·7	146	66·4	220
Betul ...	16	7·6	13	6·1	3	1·4	22	10 4	20	9·4	138	65·1	212
Narsinghpur ...	16	6·5	12	4·8	21	8·5	26	10·5	55	22·3	117	47·4	247
Chhindwara ...	111	35·9	36	11·6	16	5 2	38	12·3	50	16 2	58	18·8	309
Nimar ...	132	38·8	20	5 9	35	10·3	23	6·8	89	26·2	41	12·0	340
Raipur ...	28	43·8	2	3·1	2	3·1	9	14·1	5	7·8	18	28·1	64
Sambalpur ...	...	..	9	4·2	12	5·6	16	7·5	44	20·7	132	62·0	213
Bilaspur ...	...	...	4	6·6	1	1·6	2	3·3	14	22·9	40	65·6	61
Total ...	527	17·0	189	6·1	170	5·5	302	9·8	592	19·2	1,309	42·4	3,089
Courts of Civil Judges.													
Nagpur ...	9	2·5	44	12·4	19	5 3	49	13·8	47	13·2	188	52·8	356
Chanda ...	3	2·3	5	3·8	3	2·3	9	6·9	35	26·7	76	58·0	131
Bhandara ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wardha ...	73	17·3	12	2·8	12	2 8	76	18·0	113	26·7	137	32·4	423
Balaghat ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Jubbulpore ...	2	1·2	29	17·2	11	6·5	7	4·1	42	24·8	78	46·2	169
Saugor ...	18	5·7	36	11·5	22	7·0	54	17·2	62	19·7	122	38·9	314
Damoh ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Seoni ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mandla ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hoshangabad ...	36	6 6	40	7·3	37	6·7	94	17·1	78	14 2	264	48·1	549
Betul ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Narsinghpur ...	1	0·3	8	2·7	48	15·9	32	10·6	54	18 0	158	52·5	301
Chhindwara ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nimar ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Raipur ...	87	18·9	25	5·4	33	7·2	46	10·0	95	20 7	174	37·8	460
Sambalpur ...	32	23·7	13	9·6	4	3·0	14	10·4	30	22·2	42	31·1	135
Bilaspur ...	25	8·4	27	9·1	18	6·1	53	17·8	59	19·9	115	38·7	297
Total ...	286	9·1	239	7·6	207	6·6	434	13·9	615	19·6	1,354	43·2	3,135
Grand Total ..	911	12·5	462	6·3	432	6 0	837	11·5	1,367	18·8	3,262	44·9	7,271

The number of appeals for disposal in the Courts of the Judicial Commissioner and in the Courts of Commissioners has decreased, except in the Court of the Commissioner, Jubbulpore Division, in which there was an increase. First appeals increased by 4·2 per cent., though in six districts there was a decrease, *viz.*, in Nagpur, Wardha, Balaghat, Jubbulpore, Damoh and Betul.

The curious circumstance that, while institutions of original suits have decreased by 7 per cent., the number of appeals for disposal has increased by 4·2 per cent. is not explained in District or Divisional reports, except by the Deputy Commissioner, Sambalpur, who ascribes it to the increase in the number of suits under the Specific Relief Act. It may be noticed, however, that appeals have since 1888 increased in number yearly (in 1889 there was an actual decrease, but it was not nearly proportionate to the decrease in original suits), and it may be surmised that the influence of legal practitioners is felt here also. Nearly the same proportion of appeals were confirmed, but the large decrease in the proportion of those confirmed without notice to respondents is very noticeable. It occurred chiefly in the Courts of Civil Judges. As remarked by the Deputy Commissioner, Nagpur, it is open to doubt whether the figures do not indicate that Civil Judges frequently issue notices to respondents as a matter of course, and without first satisfying themselves that the grounds of appeal are *primâ facie* reasonable. The Officiating Judicial Commissioner thinks the Deputy Commissioners of Nagpur, Saugor and Raipur should hear more appeals than they did in 1891. He thinks it desirable that every Deputy Commissioner, whether he is assisted by a Civil Judge or not, should take a few appeals from each Court in his district during the year, to enable him to maintain a more effective supervision over all the Courts subordinate to him. The Deputy Commissioner, Saugor, has undertaken to do this.

The average duration of appeals has increased, both for the Courts of Deputy Commissioners and Civil Judges and for all Courts. Only a few District Officers offer any explanation of this increase, and it appears to have been due chiefly to local causes, though probably the increase in the number of appeals for disposal affected the Provincial average. Miscellaneous appeals are nearly the same in number as last year, but the average duration has increased also.

E.—Execution of Decrees.

21. The number of applications for execution of decrees presented during the year was 86,399, of which 10,292 were left pending at the end of the year. The figures for 1890 were 87,440 and 11,016 respectively. So that there was a considerable decrease both in number presented and in disposals. This decrease took place in all Divisions except Nagpur, where there was a considerable increase in each district except Chanda. The decrease appears to have been generally regarded as the natural concomitant of a decrease in institutions of Civil suits. But in Balaghat, Bhandara and Nagpur the increase is variously ascribed to the good harvests of 1890 and the bad rabi crop of 1891. The considerations which influence a judgment-creditor in applying for execution of his decree are, broadly speaking, three—(1) the necessity for keeping it alive, (2) the possibility of realizing the debt without applying for execution, (3) the probability of the success of the application. The number of applications which come before the Courts through the operation of the first is probably very constant from year to year, in proportion to the number of decrees granted. Applications influenced by the second would be fewer in prosperous years, owing to the fact that a man will pay up his debt if he

can do so without greatly inconveniencing himself, sooner than be put to the annoyance of an execution. With regard to it is only the third possible to say that the worse the circumstances of the people in general are, the fewer will be the number of institutions under this head.

It is impossible to determine what share each of these factors takes in causing persons to apply for execution, and it is therefore hopeless to expect that any valid reason should be assigned for the variations in the number of applications made throughout the Province, except when any very striking difference is observed. Satisfaction was obtained in full in 17,152, and in part in 15,456, whilst 40,979 proved wholly infructuous. The percentage of wholly infructuous applications is therefore 53·8, nearly the same figure as for 1890. This appears a high percentage, but it must be remembered that this number includes applications dismissed for default or withdrawn, in many of which the decree-holder has privately obtained some measure of satisfaction, and has not, in accordance with the directions of Section 258, Civil Procedure Code, informed the Court. It is suggested by the Deputy Commissioner, Bilaspur, that it would be advantageous to divide column 6 of Statement VII so as to distinguish applications dismissed for default from other infructuous applications. The Officiating Judicial Commissioner is of opinion that this suggestion is a good one. The Statement so modified would be useful in the way of statistical information, and would also afford a useful check on the procedure of Courts. With regard to this point, the Commissioner, Chhattisgarh Division, writes :—

> "It is most harassing, on the one hand, to have a decree and to be able to take little advantage of it, owing to the perfunctory action of the Courts in executing it. It is perhaps worse to have the decree made harsher as against the defendant by the unsatisfactory action of the Courts in execution."

The Commissioner proposes to make an enquiry into the causes of the large proportion of wholly infructuous applications (which is lower for the Chhattisgarh Division than for the Province) and to do what he can to improve matters.

There is no doubt that loss is sometimes caused to judgment-debtors by the failure to make proper proclamation of sales; but, on the other hand, Courts frequently illegally set aside sales merely on the ground that the auction price was not as large as might have been expected, thereby directly relieving the judgment-debtors. Probably the fraud of process-servers is responsible for the failure to realize on some applications. It is hoped that the risk of fraud will be greatly lessened by the appointment of some 1st grade process-servers in every district, whose duty it will be to supervise the work of the lower grades and detect false returns to processes.

The amount realized after issue of process was Rs. 12,75,710, and the amount realized without process was Rs. 45,977. The latter is nearly three times the amount realized last year in the same way, but nearly half the amount was realized in the Hoshangabad District. No satisfactory explanation has been given for the large realizations in this district; but it is suggested that it is probably due to the payment of large sums in a few cases, either out of Court or in Court, before the issue of process. The number of judgment-debtors arrested but released without imprisonment was 632, as against 712 in the previous year, while the number actually imprisoned was 110, as against 103. Deputy Commissioners report that the provisions of Act VI of 1888 are carefully observed.

The Deputy Commissioner, Chanda, notices the large increase in his district of applications transferred to the Collector under Section 320, Civil Procedure Code; he attributes this to the action of the Judges in at once issuing attachment warrants in respect of old landed properties, for no other reason than that decree-holders wish to save themselves the greater trouble involved in attachment and sale of the judgment-debtor's moveable property. The Deputy Commissioner thinks it is quite justifiable to call on decree-holders in cases of small debts to proceed against a judgment-debtor's moveable property first. The Officiating Judicial Commissioner, however, considers that any such restriction would be entirely unauthorized by law, and that a decree-holder is at full liberty to realise his due in the manner which he may find most convenient.

The fees levied for the service of processes amounted to Rs. 2,14,491; and the charges incurred in their execution to Rs. 87,563. The corresponding figures for 1890 were, respectively, Rs. 2,21,626 and Rs. 86,284.

The decrease in the receipts from process fees was the natural consequence of the decrease in institutions and applications for execution.

The increase in the charges incurred was caused by the appointment of one more Naib-Nazir at Dhamtari, in the Raipur District, and the employment of a larger number of temporary 3rd class Mazkuris under the 30 per cent. rule: the principal increase under this head occurring in the Wardha, Narsinghpur and Jubbulpore Districts, in the first three of which there was an increase in fees levied. In Jubbulpore the necessity for the employment of more temporary Mazkuris is not apparent, as the fees levied fell by Rs. 1,409. Enquiry is being made into this matter.

The Commissioner, Nagpur Division, suggests that the profit accruing to Government from process fees should be utilized in providing the Courts with better furniture.

F.—Work done by Officers.

22. The following Tables O to S are comparative statements, showing the work done year by year during the last 5 years by the various Courts of the Provinces: (a table (T) is added showing the work done during the year by Civil Judges):—

TABLE O.

Work done by the Judicial Commissioner.

Second Appeals.					Miscellaneous Appeals.					Applications under Section 622, C. C. P.				
1887.	1888.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1887.	1888.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1887.	1888.	1889.	1890.	1891.
597	709	554	746	610	61	47	36	69	59	171	156	185	158	169

TABLE P.

Work done by Commissioners.

Courts.	Regular Appeals.					Miscellaneous Appeals.				
	1887.	1888.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1887.	1888.	1889.	1890.	1891.
Commissioner of Nagpur ...	98	68	68	50	77	3	4	6	6	2
Commissioner of Jubbulpore ..	49	60	75	63	60	8	13	12	10	16
Commissioner of Nerbudda ...	98	130	122	96	124	20	15	25	32	48
Commissioner of Chhattisgarh ...	35	50	54	44	33	5	22	16	18	18
Total ...	280	308	319	253	294	36	54	59	66	84

TABLE Q.

Work done by Deputy Commissioners.

Districts.	Original Suits.					Miscellaneous Suits.					Execution Cases.					Insolvency Cases.					Regular Appeals.					Miscellaneous Appeals.				
	1887.	1888.	1889.	1890	1891.	1887.	1888.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1887.	1888.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1887.	1888.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1887.	1888.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1887.	1888.	1889.	1890.	1891.
Nagpur ...	3	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	7	3	3	5	1	..	...	...	...	...	176	135	117	65	48	18	6	12	3	1
Chanda ...	2	3	1	5	2	12	7	1	12	9	...	1	2	5	17	..	...	...	...	...	255	269	160	155	122	10	13	9	11	13
Bhandara ...	5	3	10	4	6	1	9	27	53	69	11	5	9	7	12	10	2	...	1	2	211	327	283	232	206	11	20	16	16	14
Wardha ...	...	...	1	...	...	2	3	..	..	...	3	..	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	134	115	119	82	136	12	4	3	...	6
Balaghat ...	1	...	6	11	23	10	16	3	10	8	10	5	7	6	18	4	...	...	...	1	168	165	145	152	121	2	4	9	8	6
Jubbulpore ...	15	...	...	...	...	18	34	45	9	...	15	9	1	...	..	...	..	...	...	...	117	159	217	137	191	15	7	10	12	22
Sangor ...	9	3	1	...	1	7	2	...	...	1	8	1	...	...	...	10	2	...	...	...	187	81	60	70	21	13	5	1	2	6
Damoh ...	3	...	4	5	...	18	4	5	2	16	3	4	4	4	5	2	3	1	3	2	181	183	251	222	179	10	7	5	18	12
Seoni ...	17	14	28	34	20	6	11	6	18	5	24	27	22	33	33	4	2	3	...	1	173	261	250	233	229	16	18	7	10	11
Mandla ...	...	...	...	...	5	...	9	2	2	1	5	..	...	...	...	8	2	...	2	2	54	78	72	62	74	4	1	6	5	5
Hoshangabad ...	7	1	...	3	2	...	...	...	...	...	3	4	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	197	232	251	315	199	20	17	18	38	21
Betul ...	12	4	5	4	3	2	10	6	17	47	24	11	9	9	6	1	3	...	1	...	237	281	274	236	210	22	16	14	12	2
Narsinghpur ...	15	...	1	8	8	7	...	6	127	22	24	...	...	...	7	...	1	..	..	...	149	222	141	103	197	15	20	20	23	50
Chhindwara ...	21	30	2	2	3	14	21	7	4	17	29	27	23	13	11	...	..	..	...	1	263	239	242	230	286	13	10	7	12	23
Nimar ...	1	5	4	4	1	...	13	4	...	10	14	5	4	8	3	...	...	...	1	...	307	312	219	278	315	10	17	15	43	25
Raipur ...	1	6	1	...	...	10	19	1	...	...	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	205	157	52	15	64	27	20	1	1	...
Sambalpur ...	6	11	1	1	1	4	27	23	18	7	4	8	3	4	3	...	10	7	6	1	61	126	106	123	213	1	14	8	7	...
Bilaspur ...	5	9	4	5	...	2	4	9	12	2	3	3	7	5	2	5	1	1	2	...	246	56	98	152	61	6	5	4	3	...
TOTAL ...	123	89	69	86	77	113	189	145	284	214	190	116	95	100	118	44	26	12	16	11	3,321	3,398	3,062	2,862	2,872	225	204	165	224	217

TABLE R.

Work done by Assistant and Extra-Assistant Commissioners.

Districts.	Original Suits.					Miscellaneous Suits.					Execution Cases.					Insolvency Cases.					Regular Appeals.					Miscellaneous Appeals.				
	1887.	1888.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1887.	1888.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1887.	1888.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1887.	1888.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1887.	1888.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1887.	1888.	1889.	1890.	1891.
Nagpur ...	1,129	1,329	1,239	1,520	1,174	179	201	105	97	117	1,123	1,229	1,162	1,005	1,114	51	92	28	36	...	211	457	288	352	...	10	44	38	33	...
Chanda ...	484	564	548	546	428	107	154	91	82	72	428	496	438	458	423	6	2	1	...	..	...	..	77	122	...	...	..	5	4	...
Bhandara ...	786	843	824	834	673	124	168	135	122	208	767	786	768	760	712	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wardha ...	707	710	749	1,015	1,127	142	132	70	145	163	778	781	721	770	675	18	...	2	6	...	314	379	339	454	...	16	37	33	37	...
Balaghat ...	422	362	342	283	306	59	42	30	47	17	355	355	297	286	303	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...
Jubbulpore ...	832	974	1,102	1,062	965	104	92	93	126	138	586	599	665	745	723	26	18	8	20	...	197	193	100	115	...	7	2	8	18	...
Saugor ...	787	840	718	630	932	72	142	114	163	69	561	685	532	573	530	...	5	3	4	...	...	169	255	270	...	...	11	4	26	...
Damoh ...	418	483	459	390	327	46	22	43	26	18	259	290	240	310	226	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Seoni ...	399	519	529	579	431	85	88	55	53	74	370	391	366	463	496	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mandla ...	219	168	131	123	137	38	20	16	16	17	153	97	98	80	74	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hoshangabad ...	945	1,283	1,275	1,372	1,232	78	103	139	287	194	992	1,058	1,251	1,408	1,313	2	...	1	10	17	376	426	322	363	...	30	38	28	33	...
Betul ...	421	360	361	308	416	36	50	29	46	64	288	207	254	203	265	..	...	2	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	...
Narsinghpur ...	1,122	1,278	968	1,030	1,207	93	139	302	240	79	934	993	873	841	942	26	19	1	...	...	289	327	446	282	...	26	22	53	54	...
Chhindwara ...	522	478	572	653	585	54	44	75	62	67	402	389	376	376	453	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nimar ...	786	838	592	661	593	154	181	153	121	65	866	840	622	701	626	25	12	15	16	...		...	101	35	...	...	...	7	3	...
Raipur ...	1,257	1,027	964	1,054	1,252	102	94	94	78	108	541	549	466	580	502	15	5	8	5	...	278	579	425	444	...	28	28	37	34	...
Sambalpur ...	516	637	538	826	1,212	37	29	63	71	41	222	303	276	350	393	8	..	.	...	..	159	161	138	175	...	5	5	7	5	...
Bilaspur ...	555	584	495	650	753	40	47	61	48	67	290	338	295	372	321	...	2	.	2	..	25	320	175	174	...	...	16	11	4	...
TOTAL ...	12,257	13,277	12,406	13,536	13,750	1,600	1,748	1,668	1,830	1,578	9,915	10,386	9,806	10,287	10,091	177	155	64	69	17	1,849	3,011	2,666	2,786	...	122	203	231	246	

TABLE S.

Work done by Tahsildars, Munsiffs and Naib-Tahsildars.

Districts.	Original Suits.					Miscellaneous Suits.					Execution Cases.				
	1887.	1888.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1887.	1888.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1887.	1888.	1889.	1890.	1891.
Nagpur ...	10,697	10,261	9,075	8,426	7,698	1,068	1,028	821	787	763	9,210	9,080	8,348	7,982	8,721
Chanda ...	4,510	5,039	4,177	4,071	3,728	636	583	592	574	492	3,239	3,720	3,020	3,119	3,249
Bhandara ...	5,789	6,066	6,428	6,310	4,893	581	693	777	747	608	3,602	4,022	4,401	2,800	5,405
Wardha ...	7,001	6,690	6,205	5,957	5,769	906	956	906	772	723	6,017	6,562	5,594	5,754	6,070
Balaghat ...	2,595	2,676	2,455	2,481	2,070	198	170	192	139	185	1,528	1,578	1,707	1,585	1,815
Jubbulpore ...	3,442	3,294	2,540	3,042	2,636	142	151	177	242	211	1,673	1,693	1,584	1,775	1,829
Saugor ...	4,219	4,355	4,617	5,181	5,305	304	357	363	469	430	2,440	2,494	2,497	3,298	3,383
Damoh ...	2,311	2,726	3,110	2,947	2,462	143	165	190	219	124	1,207	1,271	1,496	1,784	1,544
Seoni ...	2,411	2,304	2,288	2,645	2,467	131	127	138	159	167	1,213	1,316	1,204	1,512	1,469
Mandla ...	1,519	1,048	1,184	1,083	984	29	42	37	48	30	495	296	349	412	446
Hoshangabad ...	6,825	6,517	5,585	6,495	6,486	444	325	432	448	426	4,503	4,357	4,176	5,064	4,839
Betul ...	2,380	2,357	2,296	2,177	2,133	228	202	236	259	238	1,383	1,406	1,341	1,442	3,096
Narsinghpur ...	5,262	5,495	4,923	5,008	4,170	155	196	392	303	247	3,863	3,623	3,915	4,522	4,228
Chhindwara ..	3,795	3,491	3,086	2,532	2,371	228	208	196	211	199	2,644	2,497	2,261	2,225	2,027
Nimar ...	7,116	6,297	5,729	5,324	5,052	493	492	457	477	382	4,772	4,653	4,263	4,678	3,955
Raipur ...	7,638	6,871	5,483	6,992	5,139	150	174	207	317	228	3,212	2,738	2,814	3,570	3,029
Sambalpur ..	2,884	3,358	2,450	2,668	2,035	84	173	157	131	138	1,183	1,347	1,132	1,219	1,043
Bilaspur ...	5,121	5,876	3,799	5,094	4,771	183	226	173	178	224	1,634	1,788	1,614	1,991	1,968
TOTAL ...	85,515	84,721	75,430	78,433	70,169	6,103	6,268	6,443	6,480	5,815	53,818	54,441	51,716	54,732	56,416

TABLE T.

Work done by Civil Judges.

Districts.	Original Suits.	Miscellaneous Suits.	Execution Cases.	Insolvency Cases.	Regular Appeals.	Miscellaneous Appeals.
	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.	1891.
Nagpur ...	16	3	18	41	308	48
Chanda ...	15	18	19	...	117	14
Bhandara ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wardha ...	66	15	63	11	399	24
Balaghat ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Jubbulpore ...	13	12	17	4	162	7
Saugor ...	49	32	84	6	304	10
Damoh ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Seoni ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mandla ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hoshangabad ...	26	46	49	10	504	45
Betul ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Narsinghpur ...	97	122	162	...	266	35
Chhindwara ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nimar ...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Raipur ...	53	30	75	9	433	27
Sambalpur ...	7	22	16	9	135	...
Bilaspur ...	33	30	43	4	277	20
TOTAL ...	375	330	546	95	2,905	230

23. Mr. J. W. Neill has been good enough to assist the Officiating Judicial Commissioner with some notes, to enable him to comply with the request contained in the 5th paragraph of the Chief Commissioner's Resolution on the Report on the administration of Civil Justice during the year 1890.

The work of the Deputy Commissioners varies very much in quality, but it is for the most part performed in a conscientious and painstaking manner.

The Senior Assistant Commissioners as a rule turn out work of good quality, and the Junior Assistant Commissioners give good promise.

The standard of the work of the Extra-Assistant Commissioners is said not to have risen of late years. There have been more of these officers and fewer European Assistants. They are in many cases overworked; and frequent changes among Assistant and Extra-Assistant Commissioners—necessitated by the weakness of the staff—result in the frequent re-distribution of work, and the burdening of the same officer with multifarious duties. They have thus not perhaps always a full opportunity of doing themselves justice. Making every allowance for these difficulties, however, their Judicial work is often less satisfactory than it might fairly be expected to be. The chief faults are undue haste, carelessness, failure to apprehend the points of a case, and want of method. There seems to be with some of these officers too great a tendency to get rid of the cases before them for the day, or for a season, instead of aiming at a correct and final disposal of them. Some of them turn out work in all respects really excellent, but they are not the majority.

The work done by the Tahsildars and Naib-Tahsildars is, generally speaking, as good as can fairly be expected from officers of that class. Their Revenue and Miscellaneous work is apt to clash with their Judicial work to an extent which seems scarcely to be unavoidable. It frequently happens that they fix a case for hearing, and on the date fixed they are out in the district engaged in other work. It ought not to be difficult to fix cases for a certain number of days in the month, so many days at a time, and to make a point of being at head-quarters on those days, saving emergencies, which, it is believed, are not of frequent occurrence.

The Munsiffs are stationary, and they get through their work fairly well. The cases which come before them are generally of a simple nature, and do not require any great knowledge of law for their decision. Some of the younger and better educated officers are apt to make rather a parade of what learning they possess, and to write longer and more elaborate judgments than is necessary or desirable. This tendency requires to be checked. What is required from them is a full and careful record of the evidence, and a simple and concise judgment dealing with the facts.

I append a list of the officers of each class who appear specially to deserve favourable mention for their Judicial work:—

Deputy Commissioners.

Colonel Brooke.
„ Thomas.
„ Scott.
Mr. Drysdale.
„ Womack.
„ Drake-Brockman.
„ Sly.

Assistant Commissioners.

Mr. Skinner.
„ Napier.
„ Burn.
„ Blakesley.

Extra-Assistant Commissioners.

Rao Saheb C. Rangaya Naidu.
Mr. Bhargo Rao.
„ Waman Rao.
„ P. M. Greany.
„ Madho Chandra Chatterji.
„ Yadho Madho Rao.
„ Trimbak Rao.
„ Kashinath Kesho Thakur.
„ Nilkant Deshmukh.

Tahsildars.

Zulficar Ali.
Jagmohan Sinha.
Krishna Rao Paradkar.
Ramkrishna Misra.

Munsiffs.

Binda Pèrshad.
Waman Rao Kaware.
Balwant Khando.

Naib-Tahsildars.

Abdul Razak.
Jamaludin.
Muna Lal.
Sundar Lal.

G.—MISCELLANEOUS.

24. The office of Judicial Commissioner was held by Mr. F. Venning from the 1st to the 28th January; by Mr. J. W. Neill from the 29th January to the 11th September; again by Mr. F. Venning from the 12th September to the 6th November; again by Mr. J. W. Neill from the 7th November to the 6th December; and by Mr. J. F. Stevens from the 7th December to the end of the year.

Mr. Neill inspected the following district during the year:—
Jubbulpore;

and Mr. Venning the following:—
Raipur.
Bilaspur.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

B. P. STANDEN,

Registrar.

Secretariat Press, Nagpur:—8-4 92—250

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STATEMENTS.

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. I.—(Civil and Criminal,)

Statement showing the number of Judicial Divisions and the number of Officers excercising Appellate or Original Jurisdiction in the Central Provinces on the last day of the year 1891 with the cost of Tribunals.

Name of Province			Area	Population.	Number of Divisions for Courts under Chief Court, but superior to Chief Courts of Districts.	Number of Districts	Number of Sub-Districts.	Total number of officers exercising original or appellate jurisdiction					Total number of cases decided				Total receipts of the Courts.	Total charge of the Courts.
								Judges of Chief Court of Provinces.	Judges of other Courts superior to Chief District Courts	Judges of Chief Courts of Districts.	Judges of District Courts other than Chief Courts	Judges of other subordinate Courts	Original.		Appeals			
													Regular	Miscellaneous	Regular	Miscellaneous.		
1			2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
																	Rs.	Rs
Central Provinces	Territory subject to the High Court	Civil and Revenue	84,445	10,774,891	4	18	50	1	4	18	51	125	94,153	8,297	6,681	590	13,84,155	13,24,461
		Criminal . ..									54	254	25,578	1,325	3,372	199		
	Ditto not subject to the High Court	Civil and Revenue	...	...	...	...	.	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Criminal	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Total	84,445	10,774,891	4	18	50	1	4	18	57	325	1,19,731	9,6 2	10,05	789	13,84,155	13,24,461

NOTE.—Number of European and Native Judicial Officers exercising Appellate or Orginal Jurisdiction.

The Civil Courts are those described in Act XVI of 1885 On the Criminal side District Officers are included with 1st C'ass Magistrates

CIVIL.

Naib-Tahsildars		Munsiffs.		Judges of Small Cause Courts.		Registrars of Small Cause Courts		Courts of	Tahsildars.				Assistant Commissioners.						Civil Judges	
Euro-	Natives	Euro.	Natives.	Europeans.	Natives.	Europeans	Natives.		1st Class		2nd Class.		1st Class.		2nd Class		3rd Class			
									Euro.	Natives.	Euro.	Natives.	Euro	Natives	Euro.	Natives.	Euro.	Natives.	Euro.	Natives
0	45	C	22	2	2	0	2		0	42	0	10	4	12	5	7	4	7	0	12

Deputy Commissioners.		Commissioners.		Judicial Commissioners.	
Euro.	Natives.	Euro.	Natives.	Euro.	Natives.
18	0	4	0	1	0

CRIMINAL.

High Court Judges.		Sessions Judges.		Magistrates.	1st Class.		2nd Class.		3rd Class.		Cantonment Magistrates	
Euro.	Natives.	Euro.	Natives.		Euro.	Natives.	Euro.	Natives.	Euro	Natives.	Euro.	Natives.
1	0	4	0		28	34	5	113	4	138	4	0

* The total columns 7 to 11 show the actual number of individuals as required. As same Officer has in some (but not in all) cases both Civil and Criminal powers, the figure totals of columns 10 and 11 are higher than totals.

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 7—(Civil).

Statement showing the number and description of Civil Suits instituted in the Civil Courts in the Central Provinces in the year 1891.

Class of Tribunals.	Suits for money or moveable property.										Suits between landlord and tenant.						Title and other suits.															
	Contract in writing.	Contract not in writing.	On account stated.	Money had and received.	Goods sold.	Wages, work and materials.	Breach of contract not mentioned above.	Rent not falling under the rent law.	Moveable property or the value thereof.	Damages.	Suits for ejectment.	Suits for recovery of possession.	Suits for arrears of rent.	Suits for recovery of a penalty for the levy of anything in excess of rent by a landlord.	Suits for recovering penalty from a landlord for refusing a receipt or giving a defective receipt.	All other suits between landlord and tenant not included above.	Suits for immoveable property.	Suits for declaratory decrees.	Other suits under the specific Relief Act.	Suits to declare and establish rights to real property, including pre-emption, foreclosure, &c.	Suits to declare and establish personal rights.	Suits for an account.	Suits relating to religious endowment.	Suits to set aside judgments, contracts or obligations on the ground of fraud.	Suits for dissolution of marriage.	Suits for enforcement of matrimonial rights.	Suits for partitions.	Suits relating to shipping.	Suits relating to religion and caste.	Administration suits.	Interpleader suits.	Dissolution of partnership.	Suits under Section 261, Act. X of 1865 (also Hindu Wills' Act.)	Other suits not falling under any of the previous heads.	Grand Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																																		
I.—Civil Courts.																																		
Unpaid Tribunals ...	43	67	7	2	45	4	6	1	5	6	...	...	2	...	...	..	60	2	6	76	...	...	...	8	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	...	...	351
Village Courts ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	...	...	...
Paid Sub-Divisional Tribunals ..	32,107	14,268	3,605	618	3,339	562	613	357	3,462	2,176	...	...	8,080	1	...	1	1,351	11	3	175	...	...	1	1	...	...	.	..	..	..	.	...	2	70,732
Small Cause Courts ..	4,894	1,301	725	49	2,156	181	33	176	187	144	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	..	..	..	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	...	...	9,846
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts	2,314	482	352	85	76	24	26	58	277	306	1,447	1,398	128	...	1	20	3,709	365	305	2,419	30	33	..	87	..	249	19	..	..	1	1	2	..	25	14,239
Chief Courts of Districts ..	18	7	3	..	...	1	2	...	1	8	...	...	...	...	..	..	9	2	3	15	4	1	..	2	2	...	.	.	..	..	..	..	..	8	81
Total ...	39,376	16,125	4,692	754	5,616	772	680	592	3,932	2,635	1,447	1,398	8,210	1	1	21	5,129	380	317	2,685	34	34	..	98	2	260	19	..	..	1	1	2	...	35	95,249
II.—Revenue Courts.																																		
Unpaid Local Tribunals ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Subordinate Courts..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
District Courts ..	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	..	..	...	.	.	...	...	...	...	...	...
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY OR SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.																																		
Presidency Small Cause Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Superior Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grand Total ...	39,376	16,125	4,692	754	5,616	772	680	592	3,932	2,635	1,447	1,398	8,210	1	1	21	5,129	380	317	2,685	34	34	...	98	2	260	19	..	..	1	1	2	...	35	95,194

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 8—(Civil.)

Statement showing number and value of suits instituted in the Civil and Revenue Courts in the Central Provinces in the year 1891.

Value of suits.	Number of suits instituted in the different Courts.										Remarks.
	Not exceeding Rs. 10.	Ditto Rs. 50.	Ditto Rs. 100.	Ditto Rs. 500.	Ditto Rs. 1,000.	Ditto Rs. 5,000.	Ditto Rs 10,000.	Exceeding Rs. 10,000.	Number of suits the value of which cannot be estimated in money.	Total value of suits.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.											
I.—Civil Courts.											
Unpaid Tribunals	110	72	50	113	...	...	...	...	6	36,416	
Village Courts	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	..	
Paid Sub-Divisional Tribunals ...	15,074	38,006	11,318	6,329	...	...	...	...	5	29,21,132	
Small Cause Courts	2,775	4,766	1,237	1,024	44	...	...	...	...	4,23,984	
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts ...	1,936	3,567	1,879	4,733	1,122	738	42	25	179	46,93,926	
Chief Courts of Districts	1	6	...	6	3	33	19	28	3	4,63,582	
Total ...	19,896	46,417	14,484	12,205	1,169	771	61	53	193	85,39,040	
II.—Revenue Courts.											
Unpaid Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Other Subordinate Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Collectors' Courts	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total ...	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	..	
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY OR SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.											
Presidency Small Cause Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	..	
Superior Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Grand Total ...	19,896	46,417	14,484	12,205	1,169	771	61	53	193	85,39,040	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 9—(Civil.)

Statement showing the general result of the trial of Civil and Revenue cases in the Courts of original jurisdiction in the Central Provinces in the year 1891.

PART I.—CIVIL SUITS.

Class of Courts.	Total number of suits before the Courts.	Number of suits disposed of.										Pending at the close of the year.	No. of cases pending more than 3 months at the close of the year.	Average duration of suits.		Remarks.
		Transferred to Courts in other Provinces.	Without trial.	Without contest.				On reference to arbitration.		With contest.				Contested.	Uncontested.	
				Compromised.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed *ex-parte*.	Dismissed *ex-parte*.	For plaintiff.	For defendant.	Judgment for plaintiff in whole or in part.	Judgment for defendant.					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																
I.—CIVIL COURTS.																
Unpaid Tribunals ...	375	...	95	39	43	42	1	...	...	104	22	29	...	53·5	31·4	
Village Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Paid Sub-Divisional Tribunals ...	76,901	...	15,292	7,788	13,640	12,814	709	16	2	14,832	4,964	6,862	281	57 9	37·4	
Small Cause Courts ...	10,553	...	1,557	984	2,363	2,677	90	5	2	1,636	471	775	60	34 8	25 4	
District Courts, other than Chief Courts of Districts ...	16,620	...	2,388	929	1,968	1,418	126	12	2	4,829	2,251	2,711	648	100·2	55·9	
Chief Courts of Districts ...	95	...	8	5	15	10	...	...	1	32	11	14	5	100 5	52·7	
Total ...	1,04,544	...	19,340	9,745	18,029	16,961	926	33	7	21,433	7,719	10,391	994	66 5	37 9	
II.—REVENUE COURTS.																
Unpaid Local Tribunals ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Other Subordinate Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
District Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY OR SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.																
Presidency Small Cause Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Superior Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
GRAND TOTAL ...	1,04,544	...	19,340	9,745	18,029	16,961	926	33	7	21,433	7,719	10,391	994	66·5	37 9	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 9.—(Civil.)

Statement showing the general result of the trial of Civil and Revenue cases in the Courts of original jurisdiction in the Central Provinces in the year 1891.

Part II.—Miscellaneous Cases (Judicial).

Class of Courts.	Total number of cases before the Courts.	Number of cases disposed of.										Pending at the close of the year.	No of cases pending more than 3 months at the close of the year.	Average duration of cases.		Remarks.
		Transferred to Courts in other Provinces.	Without trial.	Without contest.				On reference to arbitration		With contest.				Contested.	Uncontested.	
				Compromised.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed *ex-parte*.	Dismissed *ex-parte*	For plaintiff.	For defendant	Judgment for plaintiff in whole or in part	Judgment for defendant.					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																
I.—Civil Courts.																
Unpaid Tribunals ...	32	...	...	.	1	...	2	...	...	19	8	2	...	27·7	12 3	
Village Courts ...	..	...	...	.	...	...	...	...	...	.	..	.	..	...	.	
Paid Sub-Divisional Tribunals ...	6,282	...	1,685	190	632	604	245	16	13	1,508	921	468	8	39 4	28 3	
Small Cause Courts. . ..	372	...	142	5	25	49	33	1	...	66	39	12	...	30 4	13 2	
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts ..	2,075	...	470	34	181	209	89	5	13	506	372	196	19	59 2	29 5	
Chief Courts of Districts	238	...	41	6	18	68	13	...	...	56	12	24	...	26 9	21·4	
Total ...	8,999	...	2,338	235	857	930	382	22	26	2,155	1,352	702	27	43 7	27 5	
II.—Revenue Courts.																
Unpaid Local Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.	
Other Subordinate Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
District Courts	...	...	...	...		...	..	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	.	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	. .	...	
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY OR SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.																
Presidency Small Cause Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Superior Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	
Total ...	...	.	..	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	. .	. .	...	..	
Grand Total ..	8,999	...	2,338	235	857	930	382	22	26	2,155	1,352	702	27	43 7	27 5	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 10—(Civil.)

Statement showing the business of the Civil and Revenue Appellate Courts of the Central Provinces in the year 1891.

PART I.—APPEALS.

Class of Courts.	Total number of appeals before the Courts.	Transferred to Courts in other Provinces.	Appeals summarily rejected	Dismissed for default or otherwise not prosecuted.	Heard *ex-parte*.				Contested.				Pending.	Of those pending more than 3 months.	Average duration of appeals.	Objections under Section 561, Act XVI of 1882.
					Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																
APPEALS FROM ORIGINAL DECREES.																
A.—CIVIL COURTS.																
Chief Appellate Courts other than Chief Court of District ...	3,544	...	...	215	292	27	37	6	1,235	397	532	164	639	93	65·3	16
Chief Appellate Courts of Districts ..	3,222	...	...	167	513	7	26	11	1,204	292	505	147	350	56	47·7	10
Superior Appellate Courts other than Chief Court of Province ..	408	...	...	9	11	1	1	...	158	60	41	13	114	38	119·0	11
Total ...	7,174		...	391	816	35	64	17	2,597	749	1,078	324	1,103	187	59·6	37
B.—REVENUE COURTS.																
Collectors' Appellate Courts	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	.	. .	.	...	...
Commissioners' Appellate Courts ...	.	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY OR SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.																
Chief Court of Province. { Appeals from original decrees	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	. .	...	...	...	...	...	...
{ Appeals from Appellate do. { Civil ...	938	...	...	15	90	2	5	...	349	36	77	36	328	198	122·4	13
{ Revenue ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	938	...	...	15	90	2	5	...	349	36	77	36	328	198	122·4	13
GRAND TOTAL ...	8,112	...	...	406	906	37	69	17	2,946	785	1,155	360	1,431	385	65·3	50

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 10.—(Civil.)

Statement showing the business of the Civil and Revenue Appellate Courts of the Central Provinces in the year 1891.

PART II.—MISCELLANEOUS APPEALS—(JUDICIAL.)

Class of Courts.	Total number of appeals before the Courts	Transferred to Courts in other Provinces.	Appeals summarily rejected	Dismissed for default or otherwise not prosecuted.	Heard *ex-parte*.				Contested.				Pending.	Of those pending more than 3 months	Average duration of appeals.	Objections under Section 561, Act XIV of 1882.
					Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.	Confirmed	Modified	Reversed.	Remanded.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																
APPEALS FROM ORIGINAL DECREES.																
A.—CIVIL COURTS.																
Chief Appelate Courts other than Chief Court of District ..	264	...	16	24	25	4	8	5	72	6	38	32	34	...	56·4	...
Chief Appellate Courts of Districts ..	233	...	26	22	38	...	15	3	55	3	46	9	16	...	35·4	..
Superior Appellate Courts other than Chief Court of Province ..	95	..	2	6	8	...	2	1	42	1	20	2	11	1	62·3	1
Total ..	592	...	44	52	71	4	25	9	169	10	104	43	61	1	48·7	1
B.—REVENUE COURTS																
Collectors' Appellate Courts	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Commissioner's Appellate Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ..	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.	...
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY OR SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.																
Chief Court of Province ... { Appeals from original decrees	...	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
{ Appeals from Appellate do. ..	99	...	2	4	12	1	...	...	23	...	15	2	40	14	94·3	...
Total ..	99	...	2	4	12	1	...	...	23	...	15	2	40	14	94·3	...
GRAND TOTAL ..	691	...	46	56	83	5	25	9	192	10	119	45	101	15	53·3	1

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 11—(Civil.)

Statement showing the result of proceedings on applications for the execution of the decrees of the Civil and Revenue Courts in the Central Provinces in the year 1891.

Class of Courts.	Total number of applications for the execution of decrees before the Courts.	Applications disposed of				Pending at the end of the year.	Number of applications pending more than three months at the close of the year.	Amounts realized.		Number of applications.										
		By transfer.	Satisfaction obtained in full.	Satisfaction obtained in part.	Wholly infructuous.			With the issue of processes	Without the issue of processes.	On which the judgment-debtor was imprisoned.	On which he was arrested but released without imprisonment.	On which moveable property		On which immoveable property			On which possession was given.		On which specific performance was enforced.	On which partition was effected.	On which execution was effected otherwise than as in the preceding columns.
												Was sold.	Was attached but subsequently released.	Was sold.	Was dealt with under Sections 305, 32[illegible] or 326, Act XIV of 1882	Was attached but subsequently released under Section 275.	Of moveables.	Of immoveables.			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																					
I.—Civil Courts.																					
Unpaid Tribunals ..	80	2	29	17	26	6	..	1,738	7	...	3	11	7	4	1	3	...	5	...	...	...
Village Courts ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paid Sub-Divisional Tribunals ..	64,280	1,363	11,972	10,386	32,125	7,934	604	5,38,955	8,459	74	499	3,115	4,959	2,573	595	3,446	29	436	...	...	2
Small Cause Courts ..	9,733	624	1,477	2,151	4,694	787	75	66,922	2,504	14	82	334	341	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts ...	12,173	517	3,640	2,376	4,090	1,550	252	5,41,124	33,405	22	48	529	633	618	305	764	47	2,053	10	4	2
Chief Courts of Districts ..	133	14	34	26	44	15	1	26,971	1,602	.	..	8	16	3	7	9	...	16	...	...	...
Superior Courts ..	..	...	...	...	...	..	...	..	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ..	86,399	2,520	17,152	15,456	40,979	10,292	932	12,75,710	45,977	110	632	3,997	5,956	3,198	968	4,222	76	2,510	10	4	4
II.—Revenue Courts.																					
Unpaid Local Tribunals ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Subordinate Courts ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	-	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...
District Courts ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY OR SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.																					
Presidency Small Cause Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	. .	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Superior Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total .	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grand Total ..	86,399	2,520	17,152	15,456	40,979	10,292	932	12,75,710	45,977	110	632	3,997	5,956	3,198	968	4,222	76	2,510	10	4	4

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 12—(Civil.)

Statement showing the number and result of applications and proceedings under Chapter XX. Act XIV of 1882 in the Central Provinces in the year 1891.

Class of Courts.	Application for a declaration of Insolvency.								Number of insolvents discharged during the year under Section 353.	Number of insolvents' estates in the hands of receivers in which proceedings were finally closed during the year.	Amount of creditors' claims dealt with during the year.		Gross amounts of insolvency assets realized and disbursed.		Remarks.
	Total number of hearings	Transferred to another Province, withdrawn &c.	Granted.		Rejected.			Pending at the close of the year.			Admitted.	Satisfied.	Realized during the year.	Disbursed during the year.	
			A receiver being appointed	A receiver not being appointed	Penal proceedings under Section 359, not being taken.	Sentence of imprisonment being passed under Section 359.	Applicant being sent to the Magistrate to be dealt with								
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
											Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
Courts other than Chief Courts of District ..	144	37	17	37	21	...	...	32	20	6	20,059	8,264	20,420	24,100	
Chief Courts of District ..	12	5	1	2	3	...	...	1	...	1	721	...	...	...	
Superior Courts ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
TOTAL ...	156	42	18	39	24	...	...	33	20	7	20,780	8,264	20,420	24,100	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 13—(Civil and Criminal).

(Showing use of Juries and Assessors in Civil and Criminal Courts in the Central Provinces in the year 1891 is blank as a Civil Return.)

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS.

[Giving Statistics of Civil Suits only, and showing totals for each District.]

STATEMENT

Statement showing the number and description of suits instituted and re-instituted

Districts.	Suits for money or moveable property.										Suits between landlords and tenants.					
	Contract in writing.	Contract not in writing.	On account stated.	Money had and received.	Goods sold.	Wages, work and materials.	Breach of contract not mentioned above.	Rent not falling under the Rent Law.	Moveable property or value thereof.	Damages.	Suits for ejectment.	Suits for recovery of possession.	Suits for arrears of rent.	Suits for recovery of a penalty for the levy of anything in excess of rent by a landlord.	Suits for recovering penalty from a landlord for refusing a receipt or giving a defective receipt.	All other suits between landlord and tenant not included above.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Nagpur ..	7,107	1,984	505	127	2,125	127	43	141	434	402	67	47	859	...	..	...
Chanda ...	2,054	608	326	44	206	6	38	13	300	103	...	14	212	..	...	...
Bhandara ...	3,039	658	41	110	93	20	3	11	146	177	253	47	687	...	...	...
Wardha ...	2,460	708	702	93	538	24	18	38	366	179	330	14	690	...	...	...
Balaghat ...	1,053	703	21	2	95	32	6	6	142	90	32	31	221	...	...	3
Jubbulpore ..	2,723	905	469	33	549	88	7	90	233	176	2	176	733	1	...	...
Saugor ...	2,467	1,382	958	2	120	19	9	24	230	47	50	146	573	...	1	..
Damoh	1,031	305	510	23	50	17	...	33	147	59	6	48	185	...	...	...
Seoni ...	961	636	60	3	218	35	261	11	75	137	31	88	249	...	...	...
Mandla ...	314	354	61	18	84	23	16	2	55	75	...	20	90	...	...	2
Hoshangabad	4,427	1,345	278	11	35	109	22	55	145	99	74	101	613	...	...	...
Betul ..	1,150	407	53	56	118	30	4	11	78	96	15	24	222	...	...	11
Narsinghpur ..	2,416	668	147	6	60	12	1	14	195	59	45	25	1,180	...	...	...
Chhindwara ..	1,285	277	38	43	147	33	20	8	230	133	45	65	175	...	...	1
Nimar .	3,136	658	258	108	525	65	12	27	231	75	25	30	257	...	..	...
Raipur ..	1,663	1,999	120	48	177	41	67	40	200	273	343	149	568	...	..	
Sambalpur ...	773	661	41	25	153	24	6	13	215	284	87	148	212	...	...	4
Bilaspur ...	1,317	1,777	14	...	378	67	144	60	460	166	42	223	454	...	...	...
Commissioner, Nagpur Division ..	...	..	...	..	...	...		...	...	...	...	..	.		.	...
Total ... 1891 .	39,376	16,125	4,692	754	5,616	772	680	592	3,932	2,635	1,447	1,398	8,210	1	1	21
Total ... 1890 ..	43,505	17,117	4,578	665	6,584	949	1,444	672	4,135	2,782	1,519	1,331	8,734	.	...	10

STATEMENT No. II. —Exhibition of

	Rs															
Not exceeding	10	3,355	6,019	879	166	3,135	321	144	212	1,274	627	378	561	1,801	..	.	6
Ditto	50	21,686	7,879	2,187	289	1,987	312	332	265	1,833	1,128	665	585	4,460	1	1	2
Ditto	100	7,933	1,271	692	110	292	57	107	48	396	417	217	137	1,261	...	...	..
Ditto	500	5,752	857	775	149	190	43	86	60	351	387	171	103	648	...	..	2
Ditto	1,000	411	48	87	24	9	5	1	8	56	51	13	8	22	...	...	...
Ditto	5,000	207	48	65	14	3	3	9	4	10	24	3	4	3		...	...
Ditto	10,000	24	1	3	2	...	1	...	...	...	...		...	.	..	...	..
Exceeding	10,000	8	2	4	...	...	...	1	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	.	...
Number of suits the value of which can not be estimated .		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.	...	...	...		..	11
Total ... 1891		39,376	16,125	4,692	754	5,616	772	680	592	3,932	2,635	1,447	1,398	8,210	1	1	12
Total ... 1890		43,50	17,117	4,578	665	6,584	949	1,444	672	4,135	2,782	1,519	1,331	8,734	...	...	10

No I.—(CIVIL).

in the Civil Courts in the Districts of the Central Provinces during the year 1891.

Title and other Suits.																	Remarks.
Suits for immoveable property.	Suits for declaratory decrees.	Other suits under the Specific Relief Act.	Suits to declare and establish rights to real property, including pre-emption, foreclosure, &c.	Suits to declare and establish personal rights.	Suits for an account.	Suits relating to religious endowments.	Suits to set aside judgments, contracts or obligation on the ground of fraud.	Suits for dissolution of marriage.	Suits for enforcement of matrimonial rights.	Suits for partition.	Suits relating to shipping.	Suits relating to religion and caste.	Administration suits.	Interpleader suits	Dissolution of partnership.	Suits under Section 261, Act X of 1865, (also Hindu Wills Act.)	Other suits not falling under any of the previous heads.	Total.	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	
1,358	51	11	117	...	6	...	1	..	7	5	..	...	...	.	1	...	3	15,578	
130	4	30	15	...	...	...	...		12	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4,120	
133	30	46	81	4	1	...	6	.	1	2	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	5,592	
321	91	48	175	10	1	...	...	..	11	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	7,003	
167	3	2	41	...	...	...	2	..	19	1	..	...	...	...	...	...	4	2,618	
361	18	5	127	5	5	...	...	..	25	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	6,734	
180	24	...	381	1	2	...	23	.	1	5	...	...	1	...	...	...	5	6,651	
145	11	2	187	2	1	...	9	..	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,774	
96	14	...	23	...	...	...	...	..	18	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2,917	
18	3	5	10	3	...	...	1	..	10	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,164	
340	20	15	154	...	9	...	19	..	13	1	...	...	...	.	..	...	3	7,918	
164	6	14	108	...	1	...	5	.	15	...	..	...	...	..	..	...	2	2,590	
218	26	4	463	1	1	...	1	...	10	...	...	...	.	1	.	..	2	5,555	
264	8	6	205	...	2	...	2	..	27	.	..	...	...	...	...	..	2	3,011	
180	8	22	214	...	...	...	10	.	29	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,870	
360	7	5	178	1	1	...	4	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	1	..	1	6,256	
359	50	98	78	7	1	...	1	...	33	2	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	3,280	
335	6	4	128	...	3	...	14	...	17	..	..	...	...	.	.	...	..	5,609	
...	..	...	...	..	...	...	...	2	...	.	..	...	.	.	..	...	7	9	
5,129	380	317	2,685	34	34	...	98	2	260	19	..	...	1	1	2	...	35	95,249	
5,122	348	305	2,356	18	34	...	85	3	253	7	..	..	...	...	3	...	49	1,02,908	

above Grand Total in detail of values.

Number of suits instituted in different Courts.								Total value of suits as computed under the Court Fees Act.
Small Cause Courts.	Naib-Tahsildars' Courts.	Tahsildars' Courts.	Honorary Munsiffs' Courts.	Honorary Assistant Commissioners' Courts.	Assistant Commissioners' Courts.	Deputy Commissioners' Courts.	Commissioners' Courts.	
No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	Rs.
37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45
2,775	11,193	3,881	107	3	1,936	...	1	1,18,702
4,766	18,449	19,557	31	41	3,567	1	5	12,24,463
1,237	...	11,318	...	50	1,879	...	...	10,31,021
1,024	...	6,329	...	113	4,733	3	3	24,26,783
44	...	...	...	...	1,122	3	..	7,89,937
...	...	...	...	...	738	33	..	15,08,045
..	...	...	...	...	46	15	...	4,64,160
...	...	...	...	...	38	15	...	9,75,029
...	...	5	..	6	180	2	...	...
9,846	29,642	41,090	138	213	14,239	72	9	85,39,040
10,915	32,723	45,095	117	193	13,725	103	7	1,01,12,471

Statement showing the result of the trial of Original Suits

Districts.	For disposal.					Disposed			
	Remaining at close of previous year.	Re-instituted during the year (Sections 99, 108, 562, 623, Act XIV of 1882).	Received by transfer from other Provinces during the year.	Instituted during the year (Section 58 Act XIV of 1882).	Total.	Transferred to other Provinces.	Plaint rejected or returned after institution.	Dismissed for default, Section 98, Act XIV. of 1882.	
								Number.	Percentage of total disposed of.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Nagpur ...	1,868	321	...	15,257	17,446	...	180	2,359	15·2
Chanda ...	484	141	...	3,979	4,604	...	15	879	21·1
Bhandara ...	615	200	...	5,392	6,207	...	34	1,077	19·3
Wardha ...	803	245	...	6,758	7,806	...	50	1,198	17·2
Balaghat ...	328	44	...	2,574	2,946	...	15	561	23·4
Jubbulpore ...	516	168	...	6,566	7,250	...	64	1,173	17·9
Saugor ...	494	100	...	6,551	7,145	...	23	1,070	16·6
Damoh ...	144	53	...	2,721	2,918	...	12	322	11·6
Seoni ...	268	61	..	2,856	3,185	...	14	465	15·9
Mandla ...	51	19	...	1,145	1,215	...	15	226	20·1
Hoshangabad ...	559	139	...	7,779	8,477	...	39	1,272	16·4
Betul ...	188	73	...	2,517	2,778	...	26	479	18·8
Narsinghpur ...	413	198	...	5,357	5,968	...	24	891	16·2
Chhindwara ...	227	99	...	2,912	3,238	...	31	624	21·1
Nimar ...	390	117	...	5,753	6,260	...	39	1,413	25·0
Raipur ...	1,017	158	...	6,098	7,273	...	87	1,639	25·4
Sambalpur ...	407	110	...	3,170	3,687	...	60	734	22·5
Bilaspur ...	523	95	...	5,514	6,132	...	124	1,363	24·5
Commissioner, Nagpur Division..	...	...	...	9	9	...	...	1	25·0
Total ... 1891 ...	9,295	2,341	...	92,908	1,04,544	..	858	17,746	18·8
Total ... 1890 ...	9,382	2,714	...	1,00,194	1,12,290	...	825	19,597	19·0

MENT No. III.

in the Districts of the Central Provinces during the year 1891.

Withdrawn with leave (Section 373, Act XIV. of 1882).	Compromised.		Decreed on confession (in full of claim.)		Decided *ex-parte*.				
						Dismissed *ex-parte*.		Total.	
	Number.	Percentage of total disposed of.	Number.	Percentage of total disposed of.	Decreed.	Number.	Percentage of total *ex-parte*.	Number.	Percentage of total disposed of.
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
151	1,786	11·5	2,823	18·1	3,925	167	4·1	4,092	26·3
75	344	8·2	730	17·5	867	107	11·0	974	23·3
66	368	6·6	1,287	23·1	1,325	17	1·3	1,342	24·1
88	615	8·8	1,335	19·2	1,402	53	3·6	1,455	20·9
12	106	4·4	424	17·7	458	15	3·2	473	15·5
82	647	9·9	1,490	22·7	821	80	8·9	901	13·7
32	1,002	15·6	1,477	22·9	984	74	7·0	1,058	16·4
14	516	18·5	616	22·1	386	21	5·1	407	14·3
27	293	10·1	490	16·8	444	43	8·8	487	16·7
24	181	16·1	201	17·8	119	18	13·1	137	12·2
42	754	9·7	1,488	19·2	1,543	61	3·8	1,604	20·7
4	258	10·1	545	21·3	354	11	3·0	365	14·3
11	428	7·8	1,023	18 7	1,153	40	3·3	1,193	21·8
5	269	9·1	609	20·6	434	25	5·4	459	15·5
13	449	7·9	1,206	21·4	1,052	40	3·7	1,092	19·3
35	756	11·7	1,027	15·9	910	81	8 2	991	15·4
28	227	7·0	288	8·8	274	31	10·1	305	9·4
27.	746	13·4	970	17·4	510	42	7·6	552	9·9
...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
736	9,745	10·3	18,029	19·1	16,961	926	5·2	17,887	19·0
820	10,583	10·3	20,194	19·6	19,211	913	4·5	20,124	19·5

Districts.	Disposed of—contd.									Pending.	
	Contested and disposed of by										
	Judgment for plaintiff.				Judgment for defendant.		Total.				
	In whole of claim.		In part of claim.								
	Number.	Percentage of total contested.	Number.	Percentage of total contested.	Number.	Percentage of total contested.	Number.	Percentage of total disposed of.	Total.	Total.	Over four months.
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Nagpur ...	1,964	47·0	1,219	29·1	996	23·9	4,179	26·8	15,570	1,876	230
Chanda ...	543	47·0	316	27·3	297	25·7	1,156	27·7	4,173	431	35
Bhandara ...	712	50·9	348	24·9	338	24 2	1,398	25·1	5,572	635	3
Wardha ...	1,055	47·6	626	28·3	534	24·1	2,215	31·8	6,962	844	72
Balaghat ...	404	50·0	169	20·9	235	29·1	808	33·7	2,899	547	11
Jubbulpore ...	1,006	45·7	650	29·6	544	24·7	2,200	33·6	6,557	693	60
Saugor ...	944	53 0	430	24·2	406	22·8	1,780	27·6	6,442	703	5
Damoh ...	413	45·8	262	29·0	227	25·2	902	32·3	2,789	129	...
Seoni ..	479	41·9	308	27·0	355	31·1	1,142	39·1	2,918	267	...
Mandla ...	124	36·3	86	25·1	132	38·6	342	30·4	1,126	89	2
Hoshangabad ...	1,395	54·8	685	26·9	467	18·3	2,547	32·9	7,746	731	27
Betul ...	375	42·8	201	23·0	299	34·2	875	34·3	2,552	226	2
Narsinghpur ...	1,138	59·5	413	21·6	361	18·9	1,912	34·9	5,482	486	18
Chhindwara ...	414	43·0	200	20·8	348	36·2	962	32·5	2,959	279	2
Nimar ...	744	51·9	320	22·3	370	25·8	1,434	25·4	5,646	614	25
Raipur ...	718	37·6	583	30·5	608	31·9	1,909	29·6	6,444	829	8
Sambalpur ...	645	40·0	338	21·0	630	39·0	1,613	49·6	3,255	432	...
Bilaspur ...	688	39·8	515	29·0	572	32·2	1,775	31·9	5,557	575	10
Commr., Nagpur Dn.	3	100·0	...	...	...	...	3	75·0	4	5	...
Total ... 1891...	13,764	47·2	7,669	26·3	7,719	26·5	29,152	31·0	94,153	10,391	510
Total ... 1890...	14,618	47·4	8,304	26·9	7,930	25·7	30,852	30·0	1,02,995	9,295	412

No. III.—(Contd).

Average.				Number of suits disposed of.									Remarks.
Durations of suits in days and tenths		Number of hearings in suits disposed of.		Instituted in *forma pauperis* (Section 410, Act XIV of 1882).	In which commission issued for local investigation (Section 392, Act XIV of 1882)	In which commission issued to investigate or adjust accounts (Section 394, Act XIV of 1882.)	In which commission issued to make a partition (Section 396, Act XIV of 1882).	In which reference was made to arbitrators.		In which any matter was decided on oath of party or witness.	Cases in which the Court has directed that the costs or any part of the costs of a winning plaintiff shall not follow the event (Section 220, pa a. 2, Act XIV of 1882).	In which payment by instalments was decreed (Section 210, Act XIV of 1882).	
Contested.	Uncontested.	Contested.	Uncontested.					Found for plaintiff.	Found for defendant.				
32	33	34		35	36	37	38	39		40	41	42	43
76·5	37·8	3·1	1·8	...	63	14	1	6	...	74	44	152	
73·7	42·5	4·1	2·4	...	1	2	...	...	...	6	...	76	
80·3	46·5	3·7	2·0	...	17	2	...	1	..	13	15	114	
83·3	43·7	4·1	2·2	1	46	12	...	...	...	55	17	257	
86·2	54·9	3·9	1·7	3	16	1	...	...	1	2	5	59	
54·9	28·0	3·3	1·6	2	8	9	...	5	2	9	22	97	
71·7	39·0	3·0	1·4	2	21	3	3	12	...	22	27	180	
42·5	26·0	3·3	1·8	4	3	...	..	...	...	3	4	44	
59·0	42·1	3·0	1·8	...	7	1	...	...	...	17	28	64	
40·2	30·7	3·2	2·0	...	5	...	...	1	...	11	10	14	
62·5	35·9	2·8	1·6	1	21	5	...	1	1	18	8	206	
50·4	28·4	2·9	1·9	3	22	8	...	6	1	15	26	125	
58 5	33·2	2 9	1·6	...	14	4	...	1	1	20	7	26	
50·2	26·1	2·7	1·5	...	32	1	...	...	...	1	2	21	
62·5	36·9	3 5	1·7	...	16	2	...	...	...	19	4	143	
78·9	46·1	4·1	2·2	...	22	...	...	...	...	21	...	100	
62·7	38·9	3·2	1·8	...	40	2	...	...	...	9	..	45	
54·1	34·0	3·3	1·8	...	46	...	...	...	1	14	6	72	
47·0	48 0	2·0	4·0	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
66·5	37·9	3·3	1·8	17	406	66	4	33	7	329	225	1,795	
59·6	36 2	3·0	1·9	31	457	79	12	55	12	356	253	2,203	

STATEMENT No. IV.

Statement showing the general result of the trial of Civil Cases in the Courts of Original Jurisdiction in the Districts of the Central Provinces during the year 1891.

PART II.—Miscellaneous cases (Judicial).

Districts.	Total number of cases before the Courts.	Number of cases disposed of.										Pending at the close of the year.	Number of cases pending more than four months at the close of the year.	Average duration of cases.		Remarks.
		Transferred to Courts in other Provinces.	Without trial.	Without contest.				On reference to arbitration.		With contest.				Contested.	Uncontested.	
				Compromised.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed *ex-parte*.	Dismissed *ex-parte*.	For plaintiff.	For defendant.	Judgment for plaintiff in whole or part.	Judgment for defendant.					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Nagpur ..	1 185	...	194	36	168	159	95	4	4	304	145	76	...	50·9	29·0	
Chanda ...	639	...	136	11	87	84	29	3	...	139	102	48	...	45·6	33·2	
Bhandara . ..	1,012	...	228	22	148	259	36	...	..	123	69	127	7	51·6	28·7	
Wardha ..	1,014	..	209	37	128	100	39	...	...	247	146	113	...	77·8	36·9	
Balaghat ..	251	...	62	...	15	36	29	...	...	44	24	41	...	76·0	39·6	
Jubbulpore ...	500	...	181	10	40	16	12	1	...	136	86	18	...	32 7	36·3	
Saugor	621	...	199	20	49	26	22	2	2	147	78	76	...	39 9	26·1	
Damoh ...	182	...	41	9	6	9	5	...	...	54	34	24	...	26·3	21·2	
Seoni ...	269	...	134	7	4	6	...	...	...	59	36	23	...	38·8	21·6	
Mandla ...	48	..	19	...	...	...	1	1	2	20	5	...	..	31·2	18·4	
Hoshangabad ...	685	...	171	9	15	14	18	...	...	244	195	19	...	23·2	21·9	
Betul ...	362	...	83	8	27	54	11	1	3	119	43	13	...	21·6	18·1	
Narsinghpur ..	487	...	103	11	58	55	9	6	11	128	89	17	...	28·0	23·5	
Chhindwara ...	295	...	70	12	34	21	9	2	...	77	58	12	...	24·6	17·2	
Nimar ...	499	..	113	12	27	54	25	...	...	141	85	42	...	38·4	29·9	
Raipur ...	266	...	158	13	24	5	10	2	1	85	68	...	...	70·4	40 5	
Sambalpur ...	226	...	81	7	12	16	29	...	3	26	34	18	..	48·5	22·4	
Bilaspur ...	358	...	156	11	20	16	3	...	...	62	55	35	...	38·5	25·2	
Tota ... 1891 ...	8,999	...	2,338	235	857	930	382	22	26	2,155	1,352	702	7	43·7	27·5	
1890 ...	9,589	...	2,590	261	860	1,149	380	31	13	2,324	1,379	602	...	36·8	26 5	

STATEMENT No. V.

Statement showing the business of the Civil Appellate Courts of the Central Provinces during the year 1891.

PART I.—Appeals from Decrees.

Courts.	For disposal.				Disposed of.												Pending.		Number of cases in which objections under Section 61, Act XIV of 1882, were		Average duration of each appeal tried.
							Heard *ex-parte*.					Contested.									
							Confirmed.			Reversed.				Reversed.							
	Remaining at close of previous year.	Received by transfer from other Provinces	Instituted or re-admitted.	Total (columns 17 plus 18).	Transferred to other Provinces.	Dismissed for default, or under Sections 556, 557, Act XIV of 1882.	Without notice to respondent.	After notice to respondent.	Modified.	Without remand under Section 562, Act XIV of 1882.	And remanded under Section 562, Act XIV of 1882.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Without remand under Section 562, Act XIV of 1882.	And remanded under Section 562, Act XIV of 1882.	Total.	Total.	Over four months.	Preferred.	Allowed (because successfully maintained.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Judicial Commissioner's Court ...	214	...	724	938	...	15	73	17	2	5	...	349	36	77	36	610	328	...	13	...	122·4
Commissioner, Nagpur Division ..	42	.	89	131	..	3	...	1	...	...	...	35	19	16	3	77	54	29	...	...	171·2
Do. Jubbulpore „	29	..	42	71	...	...	1	2	1	...	...	28	13	12	3	60	11	...	...	...	100·0
Do. Nerbudda „ ..	30	...	130	160	...	6	...	7	..	1	...	70	26	7	7	124	36	...	3	4	94·0
Do. Chhattisgarh „ ..	14	...	32	46	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	25	2	6	...	33	13	.2	3	1	123·8
Total in Courts of Commissioners .	115	...	293	408	...	9	1	10	1	1	...	158	60	41	13	294	114	31	6	5	119·0

STATEMENT No. V.

Statement showing the business of the Civil Appellate Courts in the Districts of the Central Provinces during the year 1891.

PART II.—Appeals from Decrees.

Districts	For disposal.				Disposed of.											Pending.		Number of cases in which objections under Section 561, Act XIV of 1882 were		Average duration of each appeal tried.	Remarks.
							Heard *ex-parte*.					Contested.										
							Confirmed.			Reversed.				Reversed.								
	Remaining at close of previous year.	Received by transfer from other Provinces.	Instituted or re-admitted.	Total col. 17 plus 18.	Transferred to other Provinces.	Dismissed for default, or under Sections 556, 557 Act XIV of 1882.	Without notice to Respondent.	After notice to Respondent.	Modified.	Without remand under Sec. 562, Act XIV of 1882	And remanded under Sec. 562, Act XIV of 1882	Confirmed.	Modified.	Without remand under Sec. 562, Act XIV of 1882	And remanded under Sec. 562 Act XIV of 1882.	Total.	Total.	Over four months.	Preferred.	Allowed (because successfully maintained).		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Nagpur ...	121	...	449	570	...	38	27	3		8	..	174	53	41	12	356	214	71	...	...	128·7	
Chanda ..	38	...	228	266	...	8	19	14	5	9	4	100	28	48	4	239	27	...	...	1	62·4	
Bhandara ..	25	...	236	261	...	7	15	9	1	3	1	93	26	44	7	206	55	5	5	...	55·0	
Wardha ..	72	...	534	606	...	16	88	18	10	10	1	168	83	126	15	535	71	6	8	4	54·6	
Balaghat ..	12	...	123	135	...	9	45	3	1	.	...	37	8	16	2	121	14	...	...	...	33·7	
Jubbulpore ..	64	...	325	389	.	35	1	4	.	6	...	185	30	69	23	353	36	1	...	...	61·9	
Saugor ..	20	...	377	397	...	40	16	...	1	...	...	127	54	63	24	325	72	2	...	...	73·3	
Damoh ...	12	...	187	199	...	9	18	4	..	...	...	87	13	42	6	179	20	...	..	...	26·3	
Seoni ..	28	...	232	260	...	17	8	8	1	2	2	117	22	35	17	229	31	1	3	1	46·0	
Mandla ...	14	...	63	77	...	2	36	...	..	...	...	18	6	7	5	74	3	...	...	...	33·0	
Hoshangabad ...	140	...	703	843	...	47	41	5	4	4	3	377	99	93	30	703	140	...	2	2	68·5	
Betul ..	12	...	221	233	..	13	15	6	...	2	...	131	22	18	3	210	23	...	...	...	22·9	
Narsinghpur ...	81	..	405	486	...	14	2	2	.	...	...	240	56	88	61	463	23	...	...	...	39·0	
Chhindwara ..	46	...	290	336	...	30	103	3	1	3	2	54	37	40	13	286	50	...	...	...	54·7	
Nimar ...	32	..	313	345	...	20	122	..	1	3	3	39	21	97	29	315	30	...	...	...	29·0	
Raipur ...	58	...	512	570	...	26	104	7	4	9	...	179	51	88	29	497	73	...	...	...	46·9	
Sambalpur ..	31	...	345	376	...	22	32	6		1	...	165	30	73	16	348	28	1	...	...	46·6	
Bilaspur ...	41	..	376	417	...	29	16	5	5	3	1	145	50	69	15	338	79	...	...	...	68·5	
Total for 1891 { Districts ..	847	...	5,919	6,766	...	392	708	97	34	63	17	2,439	689	1,037	311	5,777	989	87	18	8	56·5	
Total for 1891 { All Courts.	1,176	...	6,936	8,112	...	406	782	124	37	69	17	2,946	785	1,155	360	6,681	1,431	118	37	13	55·3	
Total for 1890 { Districts ...	543	...	5,952	6,495	...	380	824	126	38	67	19	2,290	716	951	237	5,648	847	25	30	5	50·1	
Total for 1890 { All Courts.	987	...	6,836	7,823	...	409	930	136	42	71	20	2,797	816	1,133	293	6,647	1,176	201	54	11	63·4	

STATEMENT No. VI.

Statement showing the business of the Civil Appellate Courts of the Central Provinces during the year 1891.

PART I.—Miscellaneous Appeals (Judicial).

Courts.	Total number of appeals before the Court.	Transferred to Courts in other Provinces.	Appeals summarily rejected.	Dismissed for default or otherwise not prosecuted.	Heard *ex-parte*.				Contested.				Pending.	Of these pending more than four months.	Average duration of appeals	Objection under Section 561, Act XIV of 1882.	Remarks.
					Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed	Remanded.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
Judicial Commissioner's Court ...	99	...	2	4	12	1	...	...	23	...	15	2	40	...	94·3	...	
Commissioner, Nagpur Division...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	2	...	92·0	...	
Do. Jubbulpore „ ...	18	...	...	1	4	...	1	1	4	1	4	...	2	...	45·3	..	
Do. Nerbudda „ ...	53	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	32	...	11	...	5	...	70·1	...	
Do. Chhattisgarh „ ...	20	...	2	...	4	...	1	...	5	...	4	2	2	...	47·9	1	
Total in Courts of Commissioners ...	95	...	2	6	8	...	2	1	42	1	20	2	11	...	62·3	1	

STATEMENT No. VI.

Statement showing the business of the Civil Appellate Courts in the Districts of the Central Provinces during the year 1891.

PART II.—Miscellaneous Appeals (Judicial.)

Districts.	Total number of appeals before the Courts.	Transferred to Courts in other Provinces	Appeals summarily rejected.	Dismissed for default or otherwise not prosecuted.	Heard *ex-parte*.				Contested.				Pending.	Of these pending more than four months.	Average duration of appeals.	Objection under Section 561, Act XIV of 1882.	Remarks.
					Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Nagpur ...	62	...	3	7	1	...	3	1	17	1	8	8	13	...	92·2	...	
Chanda ..	29	...	1	7	3	1	3	..	7	...	4	1	2	...	34·0	...	
Bhandara ..	16	...	...	1	5	...	2	..	3	...	2	1	2	...	22 4	...	
Wardha ...	33	...	...	3	7	2	2	1	6	2	7	...	3	...	23 2	...	
Balaghat ...	6	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	1	..	1	...	...	...	25·8	...	
Jubbulpore ...	29	...	2	3	..	...	...	..	8	...	11	5	...	...	42 0	...	
Saugor ...	17	...	1	2	2	...	...	...	4	...	7	...	1	...	57·8	...	
Damoh ...	12	...	6	2	1	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	25·1	...	
Seoni ...	12	...	2	...	...	...	...	1	4	...	4	...	1	...	53·6	...	
Mandla ...	6	...	3	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	...	11·4	...	
Hoshangabad ...	83	...	2	6	8	1	...	2	28	3	9	7	17	...	56 9	...	
Betul ...	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	9·0	...	
Narsinghpur ...	85	...	12	6	3	...	2	1	33	2	19	7	...	...	35 0	...	
Chhindwara ...	29	...	..	6	8	...	5	...	1	...	2	1	6	...	47·7	...	
Nimar ...	27	...	1	...	9	...	4	1	2	1	5	2	2	...	25·4	...	
Raipur .	27	...	...	1	11	...	...	...	6	...	3	6	..	...	25·2	...	
Sambalpur ...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Bilaspur ...	22	...	9	2	...	...	...	...	5	...	1	3	2	...	89·3	...	
Total for 1891... Districts ...	497	...	42	46	63	4	23	8	127	9	84	41	50	...	46·2	...	
Total for 1891... All Courts ...	691	...	46	56	83	5	25	9	192	10	119	45	101	..	53·3	1	
Total for 1890.. Districts ...	527	...	52	34	97	4	23	14	101	14	89	42	57	1	39·9	1	
Total for 1890.. All Courts ...	699	..	58	43	113	4	26	15	156	17	125	48	94	4	48·1	1	

STATEMENT No VII.

Statem nt showing the results on applications for execution of the decrees of the Civil Courts in the Districts of the Central Provinces during the year 1891

Districts.	Total number of applications for the execution of decrees before the Courts.	Applications disposed of.					Pending at the end of the year.	Number of applications pending more than four months at the close of the year.	Amount realized.		Number of applications.											
		By transfer.		Satisfaction obtained in full.	Satisfaction obtained in part.	Wholly infructuous.			With the issue of process.	Without the issue of process.	On which the judgment debtor was imprisoned.	On which he was arrested but released without imprisonment.	On which moveable property		On which immoveable property			On which possession was given.		On which specific performance was enforced.	On which partition was effected.	On which execution was effected otherwise than as in the preceding columns.	Remarks.
		To Civil Courts.	To Collectors.										Was sold.	Was attached; but subsequently released.	Was sold.	Was dealt with under. Section 305, Act XIV of 1882.	Was dealt with under. Section 320, Act XIV of 1882.	Was attached, but subsequently released under Section 275.	Of moveables.	Of immoveables.				
1	2	3		4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16		17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Nagpur ...	18,199	769	110	2,886	3,117	9,488	1,829	116	1,61,216	771	20	117	389	354	620	...	110	520	19	296	...	...	...	
Chanda ..	4,137	80	64	786	730	2,048	429	29	21,266	4,163	3	18	284	297	172	4	72	215	15	29	...	...	3	
Bhandara ...	7,321	184	103	1,212	1,075	3,555	1,192	11	73,005	526	2	16	395	538	324	...	99	472	1	151	...	...	...	
Wardha ...	7,922	185	91	1,453	905	4,174	1,114	93	64,687	4,914	14	77	238	275	276	...	91	447	9	183	...	...	...	
Balaghat ..	2,647	36	28	513	319	1,240	511	6	31,650	404	1	6	139	219	70	...	...	62	1	85	...	...	1	
Jubbulpore ..	5,308	77	54	1,184	1,196	2,363	434	20	1,61,259	4,051	10	32	524	430	179	2	54	217	...	218	...	...	...	
Saugor ..	4,659	72	85	1,175	1,091	1,699	537	15	1,10,159	291	5	41	286	502	230	...	91	287	2	78	...	...	...	
Damoh ..	1,×89	32	28	494	536	685	114	3	40,143	355	3	4	126	209	56	...	28	73	1	68	...	...	...	
Seoni ...	2,276	...	20	604	618	756	278	...	52,994	542	4	47	232	303	64	...	...	69	1	108	...	...	...	
Mandla ...	539	...	12	183	95	220	29	...	4,411	3,694	4	8	24	47	15	1	...	37	...	18	...	...	...	
Hoshangabad ...	6,927	53	141	1,369	1,551	3,087	726	23	1,72,923	28,878	10	49	373	913	303	...	141	601	12	192	...	...	...	
Betul ...	1,915	2	42	397	313	913	248	...	30,426	37	3	14	101	220	82	...	41	189	2	80	...	...	...	
Narsinghpur ..	5,975	11	75	1,038	1,299	2,916	636	32	1,22,079	1,549	6	16	275	530	294	11	75	431	5	227	10	...	...	
Chhindwara ..	2,788	6	38	556	612	1,279	297	...	41,422	...	...	9	167	153	186	20	38	161	1	153	...	...	...	
Nimar ..	5,286	12	47	1,014	741	2,770	702	14	65,756	238	8	47	119	268	175	...	47	266	1	68	...	...	...	
Raipur ..	4,185	32	8	948	604	2,014	582	9	54,707	...	2	42	259	340	71	...	29	101	2	195	...	...	...	
Sambalpur ..	1,660	...	9	523	217	706	205	4	25,086	554	3	31	102	202	27	1	...	27	3	212	...	4	...	
Bilaspur ..	2,763	1	13	817	437	1,066	429	3	42,521	10	12	58	164	186	54	...	13	47	1	149	...	...	...	
Total... 1891.	86,399	1,552	968	17,152	15,456	40,979	10,292	378	12,75,710	45,977	110	632	3,997	5,956	3,198	39	929	4,222	76	2,510	10	4	4	
1890.	87,440	1,692	1,164	17,050	16,000	40,518	11,016	487	12,34,519	15,878	103	712	4,470	6,814	3,146	6	1,128	4,804	71	2,338	...	3	9	

Statement showing (1) the fees levied for, and (2) the charges incurred in, the service and execution of

Districts.	(1) Fees levied.									
	In separate detail for each Court.									
	On processes directed to be served by European bailiff (Special Rule 1)		On other processes issued.				For assisting in distraint (Special Rule III)	Additional Fees.		Grand total of fees levied (Columns 2 to 10).
	At Rs. 2 rate.	At Re. 1 rate	At Re. 1 rate.	At As. 12. rate.	At As. 8 rate.	At As. 4 rate.		Under Special Rule IV.	Under Special Rule V.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
			Rs.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.
Nagpur ...	...	...	14,049	672 12	107 0	21,933 6	31 8	1,017 0	98 0	37,908 10
Chanda ...	...		3,567	692 4	11 8	5,866 8	...	597 12	...	10,735 0
Bhandara ...	..	...	5,674	1,120 8	18 8	7,587 8	...	692 8	...	15,093 0
Wardha ...	...	...	6,515	695 4	90 8	11,911 4	855 0	408 4	1,073 4	21,548 8
Balaghat ..	...	...	1,919	283 0	10 0	3,194 8	...	...	327 0	5,733 8
Jubbulpore ...	..	..	3,975	603 12	36 8	7,863 4	21 12	1,019 4	43 9	13,563 1
Saugor ...	...	..	5,084	389 4	69 0	7,503 0	462 8	555 0	18 12	14,071 8
Damoh ...	..	...	1,820	277 8	4 0	2,880 12	...	200 4	...	5,182 8
Seoni ...	..	...	2,022	357 12	4 0	3,331 0	...	...	...	5,714 12
Mandla ...	...	..	466	64 8	4 0	1,099 4	...	61 7	9 0	1,704 3
Hoshangabad ..	..	...	7,260	1,414 8	57 8	11,241 4	...	535 12	26 4	20,535 4
Betul ...	...	...	1,959	430 12	26 0	3,240 8	...	70 4	..	5,726 8
Narsinghpur ...	..	...	5,215	1,363 8	30 0	7,759 12	72 0	77 7	...	14,517 11
Chhindwara ...	...	...	2,667	425 0	27 8	4,186 8	2 0	50 8	...	7,368 8
Nimar ...	...	...	3,410	483 0	14 0	6,158 12	...	120 4	...	10,186 0
Raipur ..	.	...	3,322	520 8	36 0	6,398 8	...	...	...	10,277 0
Sambalpur ...	...	...	1,644	52 0	42 0	3,721 12	...	...	6 8	5,466 4
Bilaspur ...	...	...	2,526	92 12	53 8	6,371 4	...	11 4	...	9,054 12
Commr., Chhattisgarh Dn.	...	..	...	...	...	18 12	...	...	...	18 12
Commr., Nerbudda Dn.	...	...	...	...	...	86 0	...	...	...	86 0
Total ...	..	..	73,094	9,938 8	641 8	1,22,353 6	1,444 12	5,416 14	1,602 5	2,14,491 5

No. VIII.

processes issued out of the Civil Courts in the Districts of the Central Provinces during the year 1891.

(2) Charges.									Collectively for the District.			(1) Number of processes re-issued without charges (Special Rule VI).
In separate detail for each Court or set of Courts having a joint establishment.												
Naib Nazirs & sale amins			Peons.						Contingencies.		Grand total of all charges (columns 13, 14, 16, 18, 20 and 22.)	
Class and period for which employed	Total salary.	Salary of European bailiff.	1st Class at Rs. 10.		2nd Class at Rs. 8.		3rd Class at Rs. 6.		Heads of charges	Charges under each head.		
			Number on last day.	Total salary.	Number on last day.	Total salary.	Number on last day.	Total salary.				
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
No.	Rs.	Rs.	No.	Rs.	No.	Rs.	No.	Rs.	Process forms, registers, other stationery, office contingencies, &c., &c., &c.	Rs.	Rs.	
14	3,083	720	13	1,478	13	1,232	113	9,487		443	16,442	244
6	1,194	...	1	120	4	379	26	2,493		103	4,289	103
7	1,301	...	3	355	5	476	29	3,150		175	5,457	150
8	1,508	...	3	357	4	334	42	4,617		1,286	8,102	292
2	417	...	1	120	2	163	20	1,421		262	2,383	205
4	759	720	5	584	4	367	60	3,972		254	6,656	147
7	1,433	...	3	360	4	384	34	3,942		256	6,375	164
4	749	...	4	472	1	95	22	1,914		18	3,248	147
2	360	...	3	360	1	96	22	1,547		...	2,363	42
1	176	...	1	117	1	96	13	1,069		8	1,467	38
9	2,029	...	8	953	4	384	40	3,632		156	7,154	1,312
2	387	...	4	406	2	175	20	1,164		175	2,307	19
5	1,077	...	4	482	6	576	35	2,453		234	4,822	272
4	829	...	4	444	2	188	20	1,625		22	3,108	20
2	478	...	6	725	1	96	23	2,185		128	3,612	190
5	836	...	2	186	3	280	41	2,883		...	4,185	772
2	350	...	2	210	2	183	17	1,330		...	2,073	512
3	540	...	2	240	3	192	...	2,475		73	3,520	98
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...
87	17,506	1,440	71	7,969	62	5,696	577	51,359		3,593	87,563	4,727

STATEMENT No. IX.

Proceedings in Insolvency under Chapter XX, Act XIV of 1882, in the Districts of the Central Provinces during the year 1891.

Part I.— Showing the number and result of applications under Section 344, and the number of insolvents before the Court.

Districts.	Applications for a declaration of insolvency.														Persons declared to be insolvents.								Remarks.
	Number of applications dealt with.						Applications disposed of								Number of insolvents before the Court				Disposed of.				
	Pending at the close of the previous year.	Filed during the year.			Received by transfer.	Total.	Transferred.	Withdrawn or otherwise not prosecuted.	Granted.		Rejected.			Total.	Pending at the close of the year.	Remaining at the close of the previous year.	Declared to be insolvents during the year.	Received by transfer.	Total.	Transferred.	Died.	Discharged.		Remaining at the close of the year.	
		By judgement debtors.		By decree-holders.					A receiver being appointed.	A receiver not being appointed.	Penal proceedings under Section 359 not being taken.	Sentence of imprisonment being passed under Section 359.	Applicant being sent to the Magistrate to be dealt with.								Under Section 351.	Under Section 355.		
		Under arrest or imprisonment	Not under arrest or imprisonment.																					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Nagpur ...	20	33	10	...	.	63	..	22	4	12	3	...	..	41	22	1	16	...	17	..	..	12	2	3	
Chanda ...	..	...	..	...	..	...	..	...	..	..	..	..	...	..	...	..	..	..	...	...	..	..	...	...	
Bhandara ..	.	..	2	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	...	...	2	...	..	..	..	...	..	...	...	...	...	
Wardha ..	2	10		...	..	12	...	..	..	4	7	..	..	11	1	2	4	...	6	...	..	5	..	1	
Balaghat ..	...	..	1	..	...	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	...	...	...	...	
Jubbulpore ..	1	5	2	...	...	8	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	4	4	1	7	...	8	...	..	2	2	4	
Saugor ..	2	2	3	..	...	7	..	1	..	2	3	...	..	6	1	...	2	...	2	.	..	2	...	...	
Damoh ..	...	1	1	...	..	2	..	1	..	1	...	...	..	2	...	...	1	..	1	...	..	1	...	...	
Seoni ..	...	1	1	...	..	2	.	1	..	...	...	...	..	1	1	...	..	..	..	...	..	...	...	...	
Mandla ...	..	2	.	...	..	2	..	..	..	1	1	...	..	2	...	...	1	..	1	..	..	1	...	...	
Hoshangabad ...	4	10	15	...	..	29	1	10	8	6	2	...	..	27	2	3	15	..	18	..	...	9	8	1	
Betul ...	...	..	..	...	..	..	.	...	..	..	..	...	..	..	..	...	..	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	
Narsinghpur ...	..	..	..	...	..	..	..	...	..	..	..	...	..	...	..	...	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	..	
Chhindwara ...	...	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	...	...	..	1	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	..	...	...	
Nimar ..	...	2	..	...	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	...	..	1	1	...	1	..	1	...	..	...	1	...	
Raipur ...	7	..	3	...	..	10	..	..	..	9	1	...	..	10	...	7	4	...	11	...	...	4	7	...	
Sambalpur ...	1	1	8	...	1	11	1	2	4	..	3	..	..	10	1	...	5	..	5	..	...	5	...	...	
Bilaspur ...	...	..	4	..	..	4	..	1	..	3	..	...	..	4	...	...	3	..	3	..	...	3	...	...	
Total ...{1891 ...	37	68	50	..	1	156	2	40	18	39	24	..	..	123	33	14	60	...	74	..	...	44	20	9	
{1890 ...	36	46	68	...	...	150	..	30	12	43	27	1	...	113	37	17	65	...	82	..	..	55	16	11	

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PART II.—Showing the number of estates in the hands of receivers and the progress made in winding up.

Districts.	Number of insolvents' estates in the hands of receivers.				Amount of creditors' claims dealt with during the year.					Amount of insolvents' assets realized and outstanding.				Remarks.
	Pending at the close of the previous year.	Placed in charge of a receiver during the year.	Number of estates in regard to which proceedings were finally closed during the year.	Pending at the close of the year.	Unsatisfied and pending at the close of the previous year.	Admitted.	Disallowed.	Satisfied.	Unsatisfied and pending at the close of the year.	Amount of realized assets in the hands of receivers at the close of the previous year.	Gross amount realized during the year.	Total amount of disbursements.	Amount remaining in the hand of receivers at the close of the year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Nagpur ...	1	2	...	3	1,12,304	187	274	877	1,11,614	278	891	919	250	
Chanda ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Bhandara ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Wardha ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Balaghat ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Jubbulpore ..	2	1	1	2	5,772	1,285	5,034	66	1,957	22	216	66	172	
Saugor ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Damoh ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Seoni ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Mandla ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Hoshangabad ...	4	8	1	11	14,558	17,130	1,016	2,675	27,997	135	2,613	2,675	73	
Betul ...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Narsinghpur ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	215	...	...	215	
Chhindwara ...	...	1	1	..	...	721	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	
Nimar ..	6	1	...	7	26,027	105	...	...	26,132	41	...	...	41	
Raipur ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Sambalpur ..	...	4	4	..	...	1,352	30	731	...	...	277	108	169	
Bilaspur ...	1	...	...	1	16,595	...	...	3,915	12,680	5,757	16,423	20,332	1,848	
Total ... 1891...	14	17	7	24	1,75,256	20,780	6,354	8,264	1,80,381	6,448	20,420	24,100	2,768	
Total ... 1890..	9	14	9	14	1,67,686	38,242	7,677	2,197	1,88,574	2,554	14,024	10,130	6,448	